

HOME NEWS

Channel tunnel link options include underground section

By Our Planning Reporter

The British Railways Board indicated yesterday that it was prepared to concede that substantial sections of the proposed Channel tunnel rail link should run underground.

The board announced that it had eliminated all four alternative routes between Woldingham and Edenbridge as set out in its consultative document issued last January.

Three of the four new options include a tunnel from south of Woldingham to Tandridge. From there the line would follow a route looping south of Otford, which is a compromise between two other routes suggested.

The differences between these options are in the section between South Croydon and Woldingham. Option one is an above-ground route further to the west of Woldingham to reduce visual intrusion.

Yesterday's was the first of several such announcements covering different sections of the route, which can be expected in the next few months in an attempt to placate local residents and bodies such as the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

First responses, however, were not favourable. The Surrey branch of Surrey and Kent Action on Rail, the coordinating body for most of the protest groups, said it was amazing that after all the so-called consultation meetings an above-ground route.

Protestants in cordial talks with Mr Rees

From Robert Fisk, Belfast

The 16 hard-line Protestants who helped to bring down the Northern Ireland power sharing Executive with their strike last May held a long and surprisingly cordial meeting at Smarmont Castle yesterday with three British ministers.

In two hours of discussions they talked about a "third force" home guard for Ulster and were even prepared to consider making a submission to Lord Gardiner's committee which is examining the policy of internment without trial.

While the two sides scarcely reached any firm agreements, there seemed to be some parallel views on internment. Mr Rees, the senior minister present, undoubtedly referred to his phased release programme at the Maze prison (four men set free yesterday brought the number freed since the Government scheme began to 22) although the Protestants seem more anxious to talk about security on the border.



The Wallies opt out to Stonehenge

From Philip Howard, Stonehenge

Stonehenge has always stimulated the rich and engaging springs of English dotiness. The successors to the Harlequins, the modern Druids in fancy dress, and the great pyramid geometers are at present encamped on the perimeter of the great co-centric stone circles fortified with elaborate explanations of the mystery of the universe.

They choose to be known as the Wallies of Wessex, Wally being a conveniently anonymous umbrella for vulnerable individuals, and they have occupied the site since Midsummer Night. Their leader, known formally as Wally Hope, but answering in informal and unguarded moments to the name of Philip, was in London yesterday arranging legal representation for them.

Left-wing trade unionists join arbitration service

By Our Labour Staff

Three trade union leaders have been appointed to the Government's Conciliation and Arbitration Service, which starts work on September 2. They are Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union; Mr George Smith, general secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians; and Mr Richard Briginshaw, general secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel.

Jet-noise control optimistic and misleading, report says

By a Staff Reporter

Official reports about the noise level at Heathrow airport, London, and Ringway, Manchester, are misleadingly optimistic, the Consumers' Association said yesterday. In a report in Which? the association's magazine, it said that some people living close to the airports were suffering from intolerable aircraft noise.

Print unions luke warm over Scots new paper

From Ronald Faux, Glasgow

Mr Lee Murray, general secretary of the TUC, is attempting to bring together all the printing trade unions to discuss support for the projected Scottish Daily News. The action committee of former Beaverbrook employees in Glasgow who are attempting to launch the new paper has been bitterly disappointed by the lack of response from most of the large printing trade unions to its appeal for a financial commitment towards the venture.

Museum given chance to buy rare silver jugs

By Our Arts Reporter

A temporary export licence is to be issued to enable a pair of rare silver jugs made in 1685 to be exhibited in the United States. The jugs are considered of sufficient national importance to give a museum in this country a chance to buy them "within a reasonable period".

The ruling by the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art is the first to be publicly notified under a new rule announced by Mr Jenkins, Under-Secretary of State, Department of Education, the minister responsible for the arts.

Tube staff get rises of up to £10 a week

London Transport's Under-ground staff are to get rises of up to £10 a week in a new pay and conditions agreement reached last night.

The deal, which affects 15,000 men, gives drivers £10 a week more and guards about £8. It was accepted at a meeting between London Transport and the three unions concerned. The unions, the National Union of Railwaymen, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, have recommended their members to accept.

Inquest on policeman

The inquest on Police Inspector David Gibson, aged 36, who died on Monday, will be held at Battersea Coroner's Court today.

Doctors and dentists call for immediate pay rises

Doctors and dentists are to ask for an immediate pay rise.

Their decision to approach Lord Halsbury's review body on doctors' and dentists' pay comes after a meeting last week between Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and the British Medical and Dental associations.

They can expect much opposition from the Government when both sides give evidence to Lord Halsbury.

In a letter to the British Medical Association published last night Mrs Castle confirmed that the review body can make recommendations whenever it likes and that the Government will accept them "unless there were clear and compelling reasons for not doing so".

Speelman in good position to win vital chess game

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, Clacton

The vital game in the third round of the British Chess Championship at Clacton, yesterday was between Jonathan Speelman, aged 17, and the Yorkshire player Michael Hayward, who was in the lead with two points when the round started.

Weather forecast and recordings

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Dangerous pills: child safety packs urged

By a Staff Reporter

The Government is to try as a matter of priority, to get dangerous pills packed in child-proof containers. In accepting this main recommendation of the Medical Commission, Dr David Owen, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security, hopes to reduce the number of children, at present about 16,000, who are admitted to hospital every year suspect of being poisoned by medicine.

Barry Robinson remanded

Barry Robinson, aged 33, was remanded in custody until Friday when he appeared at a special court at Congleton, Cheshire, yesterday, charged with burglary.

It is alleged that on August 1 he entered a bungalow at Leek Road, Congleton, and stole a Webley .38 revolver, Browning automatic pistol, 20 rounds of ammunition and scout knife and sheath, belonging to David Filmore.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, August 7

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c. cloud; f. fair; s. sun

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HANDS OFF CYPRUS!



As a result of the past three weeks in Cyprus, thousands have been killed: tens of thousands have become homeless refugees. The vast majority of Cypriot people today want to be able to live together in peace in an independent and unitary state. And above all they want *all* foreign troops who have brought with them suffering and death, withdrawn.

A heavy responsibility now rests on the Turkish Government. The new Greek Government is willing to withdraw its military forces. The Turkish Government, before its intervention, announced that its position was based on humanitarian principles and on its legal right to intervene.

This is what the Turkish Government said:

"Turkey is fulfilling her legal responsibility as a co-guarantor of Cyprus' independence"... "It is clear that our Allies had exhausted every diplomatic possibility and that we would have to take action ourselves as one of the guarantor powers".

This is what the Treaty states:

The rights of the guarantor powers to take action, after consultation has failed, are limited by the Treaty to "the sole aim of re-establishing the state of affairs created by the... Treaty" of Guarantee. That is, a unitary state with built-in safeguards for the Turkish Cypriot community.

And this is what has happened:

After the troops landed in Cyprus, it was announced "Kyrenia is now for ever Turkish". Two ceasefires, one solemnly signed in Geneva, were then systematically broken, and the area occupied by Turkey doubled, although the cause for intervention no longer existed. In effect this amounts not to an intervention under the Treaty, but to an invasion.

Friends of an Independent and Unitary Cyprus are making this appeal:

1. To call on the Turkish Government to return to its declared objective of intervention within the provisions of the Treaty.

2. To call on the British Government as a guarantor power and also on British public opinion to assist the people of Cyprus in their struggle for an independent and unitary state based on full enforcement of the United Nations Security Council resolution and the minimum of constitutional

changes, to be worked out by representatives of the Cypriot communities themselves.

3. To deplore the ill-treatment of members of either Greek or Turkish Cypriot communities and to call for the return of all refugees to their homes under United Nations protection.

4. To call for the full withdrawal of all Greek and Turkish troops from Cyprus and for an increase in the United Nations force on the island.

HOME NEWS

Coal board reveals plans for five shafts in 70 ft-high concrete towers to service Selby drift mine

By Ronald Kershaw
The National Coal Board yesterday submitted its planning application to North Yorkshire County Council and to Selby District Council for the development of the new Selby drift mine. At the same time it disclosed plans for the probable location of five pairs of shafts for ventilation, man-riding and material supply facilities.

The area, roughly 10 miles square, would produce 10 million tons of coal a year for 30 years. About 3,000 men would be employed. Work would begin in April, 1975, subject to planning approval, and coal would be produced in 1978; maximum production would be reached in 1985.

County sets up team to counter baby battering

Salop County Council has set up a specialist team to investigate cases of suspected baby-battering. The four qualified social workers in the team have been recruited to prevent a repetition of a case in which a boy aged two died from parental ill treatment.

In brief
Four remanded at Oxford

Three Oxford graduates and a university laboratory technician were remanded on bail at £600 to September 9 when they appeared at a special court in Oxford yesterday on charges under the 1971 Criminal Damages Act. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Explosives were intended for Northern Ireland extremists, court told

Four men charged with possessing explosives which they intended to send them to extremist organizations in Northern Ireland, Mr Ronald Sutherland, QC, Advocate Depute, told a jury in the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday.

Maxwell, aged 32, of Westburn, Cambuslang. All deny possessing explosives, firearms and ammunition, and storing explosives. Mr Hurton told the court that a stranger in the lavatory at the Crown Hotel, Armadale, asked him to collect a package.

A man who turned out to be Mr Dragan told him that the explosives were for poaching salmon, and handed over £5. Mr Maxwell, a boilerman with the British Steel Corporation in Cambuslang, told the court that he was a member of the Orange Order, the Apprentice Boys of Derry and the Black Preceptory. A man whom he knew only as "Thomson" asked him to keep a box for him.

Girl of 14 leaves Holloway jail after nine days

A girl aged 14 who spent nine days on remand in Holloway prison was released yesterday after a High Court judge had granted an application in chambers for her to be released on £20 bail in her own recognizance. She will appear at Rochford Juvenile Court next Monday and until then must live at home, in Rayleigh, Essex, and report daily to the police.

Daughter is charged with manslaughter of mother

Mrs Mary Taylor, aged 37, was sent for trial after an inquest in Birmingham yesterday, charged with the manslaughter of her mother, Mrs Mary Naomi Peate, aged 61, of Walsall, Staffordshire. She was allowed bail. Mrs Peate, a widow, died seven days after a fire at their home. Mr George Billington, the Birmingham coroner, told the jury that there was a conflict of evidence on how the fire started. He said Mrs Peate told the police that the fire had been her fault.

Ratepayers' spokesman 'misquoted'

By Martin Huckerby
Mr Harry Tunnicliffe, chairman of the National Association of Ratepayers' Action Groups (Narag), said yesterday that he believed there was no cause for the organization to take any action over statements made by its spokesman, Mr David Petri. Mr Tunnicliffe had personally received three complaints about Mr Petri from groups within Narag, and one from an individual.

Ratepayers' spokesman 'misquoted'

There had been a meeting at Warrington on Monday night, where he believed that the committee had been cleared up to the satisfaction of all who were there. Mr Tunnicliffe said: "I think there were a lot of things which were either taken out of context or misquoted."

£7,000 bank raid

A gunman escaped with more than £7,000 after a raid at the Royal Bank of Scotland branch at Springburn, Glasgow, yesterday.

Constables cleared

Two Police Constables, Martin Waters and Neil Panter, of Northampton, were cleared at Northampton Crown Court yesterday of attacking an Irishman, Mr Patrick Feeley. The judge decided that there was no case to answer.

WEST EUROPE



Three men arrested in Bologna yesterday and charged with manslaughter in connection with the bomb explosion on the Rome-Munich express in which 12 people died: (from left) Gaetano Casali, Italo Bono and Emanuele Bartoli.

Right-wing extremists charged with Italian train bombing

Trains throughout Italy will come to a brief stop on Friday as a last salute to the victims of the bomb which exploded on Saturday night on the Rome-Munich express with the loss of 12 lives. The dead are to be buried tomorrow in Bologna.

Three people, said to be members of extreme right-wing organizations, were today arrested in Bologna in connection with the bomb attack, and charged with manslaughter.

The attempt to achieve greater cooperation among the security services has been generally well received. More doubts are being expressed about the wisdom of the Government's plan to extend treatment now reserved for suspected members of the Mafia to suspected terrorists.

US and Portugal to 'reformulate' air base accord

Negotiations between Portugal and America on the "reformulation" of the agreement allowing the United States to use the Lajes air base in the Azores are to begin next month. A Government statement, announcing this today, recalled that the agreement, dating from 1951, expired in February, 1969, and since then use of the Lajes base by the United States had continued on an ad hoc basis.

Spinola pledge on future of Cape Verde Islands

Guinea, insisted that independence should be brought to all Portugal's African territories through a process of social and economic development and political enlightenment leading to referenda by the various peoples to decide their own destiny.

Since April events seem to have moved too fast for the general's theories to be put into effect. In spite of negotiations between Portugal and PAIGC in London and Algiers in May and June no agreement on a ceasefire was reached. In his short independence speech today, President Spínola told the new Governor that his mission was "simple, concise, incisive."

Ex-councillors at Clay Cross face interest charges

The 11 former urban councillors of Clay Cross, who were asked yesterday to pay 7 per cent interest on a £6,985 surcharge which they have already said they cannot afford to pay.

Fifteen years after approval was obtained for Cambridge Circus redevelopment, minister refuses GLC permission to sell land

The purchase was part of the council's plan to widen Charing Cross Road, a plan that incidentally led to the deal that enabled Mr Harry Hyams to build Centre Point. The road-widening scheme was later dropped, and in 1963 the LCC indicated that it would be prepared to sell its part of the site to the developers. The two companies began clearing and assembling the remainder of the site. By the time the first detailed plans were submitted, the LCC had been replaced by the Greater London Council. Under Conservative control between 1967 and 1973, the GLC said it would honour what it regarded as a pledge by its predecessor.

A case of politics overriding common sense

is that Town and City Properties, which recently merged with Sterling Guarantee Trust, is also involved in the redevelopment of Gamage's site in Holborn. Its application for the site was supported by Camden and opposed by the GLC, which wanted office space reduced. To save time, the developers have suggested that the proposed office building should be lowered by three storeys, but have also made clear that they are prepared to appeal to the Secretary of State if necessary.

Fish return to Stour

Fish are returning to a two-mile stretch of the Stour, between Blackwater and Christchurch, where thousands died at the weekend because of sewage pollution.

Sweeper remembered

The villagers of Aston Clinton, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, are to put up a bust of Mr Gordon Smith, their road sweeper for 20 years. He died three years ago at the age of 70.

Brick hits M6 coach

Mr Edward Kierney, aged 50, of Northfield, Birmingham, was treated for cuts after a brick had been hurled through the window of a coach on the M6 near Chelmsley Wood, Warwickshire, yesterday.

Three British soldiers die in road crash

Sennelager, Aug 7.—Three soldiers of the Royal Artillery were killed and one seriously injured when their car was in collision with a lorry on a level crossing at Sennelager, in West Germany, early today.

Trade unions expected to boycott EEC symposium

European trade unions are becoming increasingly disillusioned with the European Community's attempts to build a realistic social policy. As a result, they are expected to boycott an EEC symposium which they were invited to attend together with representatives of the European Commission, member governments and employers' organizations.

Errors found in Community consumer guide

Embarrassed officials in the European Community's information department have had to withdraw a consumer guide from circulation because of a number of factual errors. The guide, which purported to help West Germans travelling in other EEC countries, asserted that goods up to a value of some DM 400 (about £65) could be imported free of duty. The correct figure should have been DM 460.

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Cathedral repairs depend on moving tons of earth

Work began yesterday on moving the first thousand tons of earth covering stones needed for urgent repairs to Lincoln Cathedral. The cathedral owns a small quarry north of the city and plans to move 10,000 tons of earth to a depth of seven yards to get at new seams of stone for its repair and restoration programme.

Private medical schemes show revenue increase

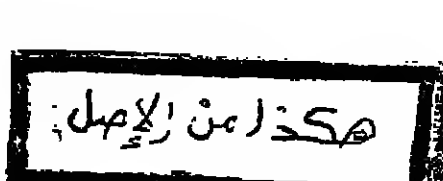
Subscriptions to private medical care provident schemes totalled £37m in 1973, a rise of £7.5m over 1972. But a survey commissioned by the Department of Health, which is published today, shows that the increase came mainly from higher premium levels rather than an increase in the numbers of subscribers.

Air hostesses fight annual beauty check

Belgian air hostesses are protesting at what they regard as an annual beauty contest to discover whether or not they are fit to continue their jobs after the age of 40.

The hostesses, with the support of a number of Belgian feminist organizations, are opposing the practice of their employer, Sabena, to hold annual board examinations into their requests for continued employment beyond their fortieth birthdays.

women just are not as strong as men. Have you ever seen a middle-aged air hostess? Tokyo, Aug 7.—A Japanese stewardess, aged 37, won a court injunction today against the French airline Air France which had dismissed her on the ground that she was too plump.



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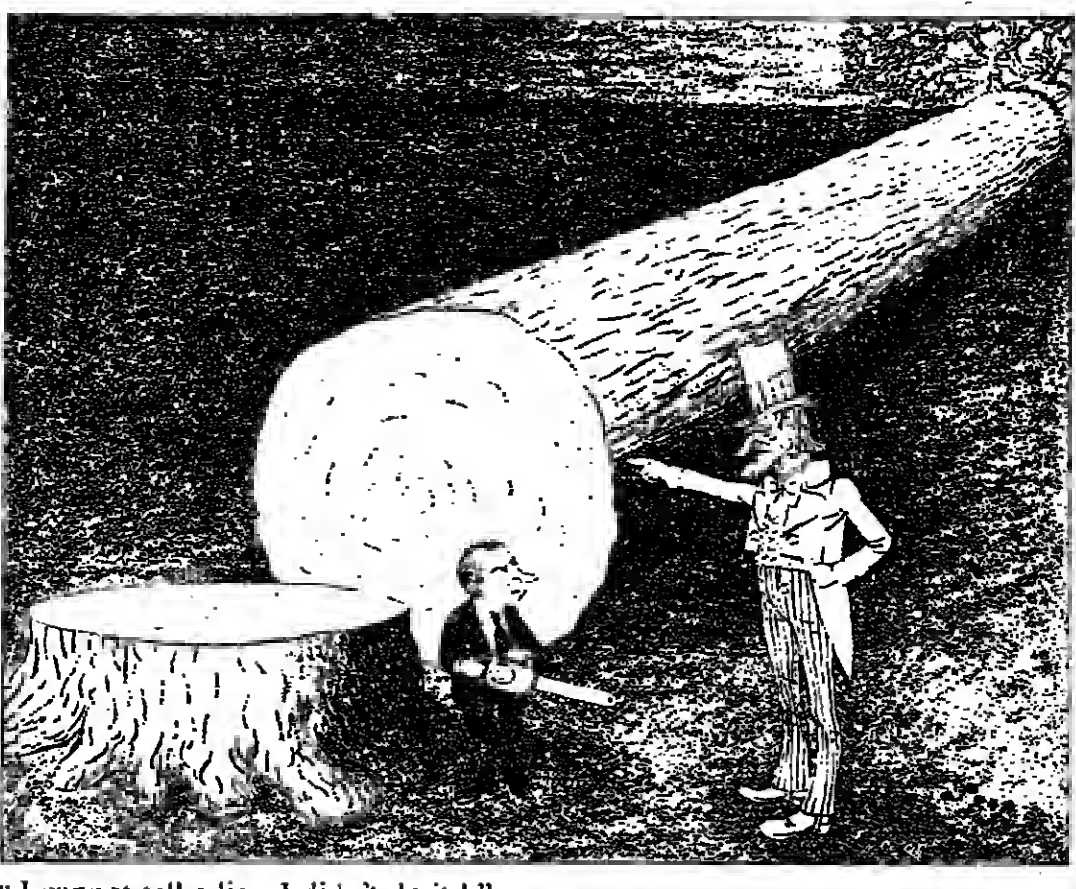
Bonn to consult allies
Berlin dispute

Our Correspondent
Aug 7
West German Government will consult the Western allies before deciding on its course in the controversy over East Germany over disas of traffic between West and East Berlin, a cabinet spokesman said... announcement was made at a cabinet meeting presided by Herr Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor, who interrupted a day to attend the meeting... as though the Government decided on a wait-and-see policy before initiating with the East German... Inter-German transit... with access traffic that... be settled on lower... new cases of traffic spots by the East Germans

OVERSEAS

Milk scandal
lawyer
pleads guilty
to bribery

From Barry Kalb
Washington, Aug. 7
Jake Jacobsen, a former lawyer for the nation's largest milk producing cooperative, today pleaded guilty to a charge that he gave Mr. Connally, former Treasury Secretary, a \$10,000 bribe... Mr. Jacobsen's plea, part of a deal worked out with the Watergate special prosecutor's office, is the second in a week implicating Mr. Connally in the alleged bribery... Mr. Harold Nelson, former general manager for the Associated Milk Producers, pleaded guilty to a charge of participating in a broad scheme of illegal campaign contributions and bribes which included alleged \$10,000 for Mr. Connally... In addition, Bob Lilly, Mr. Nelson's former assistant, has been cooperating with the prosecutors under a grant of immunity from prosecution and is expected to support Mr. Jacobsen's and Mr. Nelson's testimony about Mr. Connally... Both Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Connally were indicted nine days ago on bribery charges... Mr. Jacobsen for allegedly giving Mr. Connally a \$10,000 bribe, Mr. Connally for allegedly accepting the money in two \$5,000 payments. Mr. Connally also is charged with one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice and commit perjury, and two counts of giving false testimony to a grand jury. The former Democrat has denied the charges and is due to be arraigned on Friday morning... Mr. Jacobsen entered his plea without fanfare this morning before Judge George Hart... Mr. Jacobsen now faces a possible sentence of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. No date was set for sentencing... The alleged plot, as outlined in last week's indictment, took place in the spring of 1971, after President Nixon—largely through Mr. Connally's urging—decided to raise the federal milk price support level... The indictment charges that Mr. Jacobsen then asked Mr. Lilly for \$10,000, telling Mr. Lilly that it was to pay off Mr. Connally for the favour he had done the milk industry... The charge to which Mr. Nelson pleaded guilty last week said that Mr. Lilly, on receiving the request from Mr. Jacobsen, went to Mr. Nelson to ask if the payment should be made, and Mr. Nelson gave his approval.—Washington Star-News



"I cannot tell a lie—I didn't do it!"
From the London Evening Standard

Greek spirit crumbling
under fierce shelling

From Paul Martin
The Laphthos road, Cyprus,
Aug 7
It seems only a matter of time before the Turks mop up this western tip of the Kyrenia Range. The Greek Cypriot front receded further today as the Turks intensified their bombardment of the remaining few Greek villages. After two days of the heaviest shelling since the ceasefire, National Guardsmen are putting up a defiant resistance on the coast road... However, the retreat has begun. The remaining Greek defence is thin. As I sheltered from mortars exploding round a Greek Cypriot artillery post on the road, a Greek mainland officer arrived from the west... He was the first I had seen at the front all day. There is talk of the Greek mainland officers leaving their men to face the Turkish onslaught. But any suggestion of this only arouses anger among the weary Cypriots... Even the United Nations has gone. The area is safe for no one. Those manning the new Greek front lines are unaware of pockets of their infantry still holding out in the no-mans land created by the Turkish shelling. These do not know whether the Turks are in front or behind them. Only the seemingly incessant Turkish shelling which showered the coastal strip for most of the morning lends any pattern to the battle... On the approach road from Myrrou, hundreds of Greek Cypriot infantrymen beat a retreat. They were tired, dusty and looked despondent. Their helmets were askew and there were few smiles. This is the second and more pronounced phase of what began yesterday. Those who braved the barrage that was laid down on Tuesday faced an even more fierce attack today... This was one of the last National Guard outposts overlooking the town of Laphthos—the target that succumbed to Turkish might last night. From early morning it was subjected to a pounding from Turkish shells as the advance westwards by the invaders neared its final stage. Damage is heavy. Two houses were set alight and smoke billowed from them... Units of the National Guard took to the hills round the village to set up new albeit defiant defence positions as the rest prepared for the imminent retreat. The Turks are in full control of the towns of Karavas and Laphthos. It is believed that several Britons are among those left behind in Laphthos.

French Cabinet decides on
actual penal reform

Our Own Correspondent
Aug 7
French Cabinet returned to the thorny problem of the country's overloaded penal system while prison warders progressively back to work at least partially by pay... instead of the wide reforms proposed by Jean Giscard d'Estaing have encountered opposition. The Government agreed this stage to announce a series of measures on a smaller scale to be carried out gradually... among these are two reforms which would reduce prison population. The first limit the time an accused can be held in prison on trial to a maximum of 10 days. The second measure, Minister of Justice, for approval by Parliament, reforms the law on bad cheques... With maximum penalties now reaching five years in jail for issuing a cheque with fraudulent intent, this is one of those offences which overload prisons... The French commercial banks will in future be required to take stricter precautions when issuing cheque books to new customers. They will also have to cover the bad cheques when they can be proved negligent in not alerting the Bank of France about fraudulent customers... A large proportion of the French prison population is now made up of persons not even convicted. Reducing their number is one of the most widely accepted reforms, especially when the prisons very often keep hardened criminals together with those theoretically still innocent.

ANC to reject Smith invitation

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Aug 7
Bishop Muzorewa, president of the African National Council, said today he had been invited by Mr. Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, to attend his proposed round-table conference, but he is to reject the invitation... The ANC leader told Mr. Roulard Golden, political reporter of the Rhodesia Herald, in an interview today that the "indaba", as it is now being called, was unnecessary and what Rhodesia needed was a properly constituted constitutional conference under the chairmanship of Britain. He said the ANC, like Mr. Smith, had been in regular touch with the British Government... Bishop Muzorewa said he had received a letter of invitation to the indaba before the ANC's national executive meeting in Salisbury last Sunday. The executive unanimously agreed with the bishop that the organization would play no part in the indaba. When Mr. Smith announced it during the last session of parliament he said it would be irresponsible of the ANC not to attend... Bishop Muzorewa said today that if a constitutional conference were called he would insist on detained nationalist leaders in Rhodesia being allowed to attend. It is believed the bishop had in mind Mr. Joshua Nkomo and the Rev. Athabazi Sibhole. Enlarging on his demand for a full-scale conference, Bishop Muzorewa said he believed that as Britain was a third party in the settlement dispute it should be included and, in fact, chair such a conference. Mr. Smith has already said he is chairing his conference... "The conference we want should not be chaired by the ANC or the Rhodesian Front because we are the quarrelling parties", he said. "The British Government would be neutral."

Angola groups seek unity for liberty talks

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Aug 7
With independence promised for Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique, the third Portuguese African territory, Angola, is now searching urgently for unity among its nationalist movements in order to negotiate its own freedom... The man most likely to succeed him is Mr. Daniel Chipenda, a former professional football player in Portugal, who lives now in Lusaka and has succeeded in recent months in winning the support of the heads of state of Zambia, Zaire, Tanzania and Congo... The Portuguese are ready to negotiate on independence, but they do not know with whom to negotiate. With three different freedom movements fighting in Angola that problem was already difficult, but now with the main movement split there is nothing the Portuguese can do until the liberation movements themselves find some unity... Should the MPLA elect new leaders at the meeting tomorrow without too much dissension, it is believed that the other two movements, the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and Unita, will be ready to join it in talks with the Portuguese.

Warning from Greece that
Geneva talks may collapse

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at all costs, even in the face of Turkish violations of the first tripartite agreement, the conference may break up tomorrow night and the Greek delegation would fly in New York at once to bring the matter before the United Nations... "Except for Turkey and Pakistan, about 130 nations will be on our side", the Greek official added... The Greek authorities refused to disclose the whereabouts of Mr. Nicos Sampson, who was appointed President of Cyprus after the July 15 coup by the Greek-officered National Guard, and who resigned a week later... Mr. Sampson was identified by Greek journalists when he disembarked from the passenger ship Jason at the restricted military area of St George, west of Piraeus, at 5 am today... One reporter claimed Mr. Sampson was overheard saying to a coastguard officer: "The priest [Archbishop Makarios] got everything upside down, I have tape recordings of his suspicious conversations with the British... The Greek Government announced today that it was purging all Greek embassies abroad of "non-diplomatic redundant personnel" appointed by the dictatorial regimes. The Government also announced the closing down of extraordinary courts martial set up by the regime to deal with security offences under the martial law... Our Diplomatic Staff writes: Mr. Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, will get down to work on the new phase of the Cyprus talks immediately on arrival in Geneva... The first objective, at the opening session of the conference between the British, Greek and Turkish governments, will be to reinforce the ceasefire arrangements in Cyprus. It is obvious that until there is confidence in the ceasefire holding firm, there can be no progress on the political side... The central issue concerns the reduction of forces in the island. The longer-term objective is to launch the constitutional discussions... Istanbul, Aug 7.—Turkey will propose at the Geneva talks that Cyprus be divided geographically into autonomous Greek and Turkish Cypriot administrations, a Government spokesman said today after a five-and-a-half hour cabinet meeting.—UPI

ports anger
farmer

Aug 7.—Nearly 5,000 German farmers used pickets near Paris today to protest against imports of wine and to demand... farmers blocked traffic between West Germany and Luxembourg. The border had authorized their obstruction at the Perle crossing point.—Agence Presse

Football club
fan knifed

Bruges, Aug 7.—A Belgian writer has been charged with attacking a Manchester United supporter who was wounded with a knife during disturbances in Ostend... The wounded man, Peter Brunt, aged 23, is himself under arrest in Bruges Prison with five other United supporters on charges of assault causing injury and using violence to destroy property.—Reuters



Graduation Day
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OVERSEAS

France reviews arms sales after Sadat admission on use of Mirage jets in October war

From Richard Wigg Paris, Aug 7.—President Sadat's admission that Mirage fighters sold by France to Libya fought for Egypt in the Middle East war last October acutely embarrassed the French Government today. It also came awkwardly for Mr Ismail Fahmy, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, who is on an official visit to Paris.

Government spokesman announced what may be a reformulation of France's arms export policy in the Middle East. This has been chiefly distinguished until now by an embargo on sales to Israel.

The influential newspaper Al Gomhouria said: "It is surprising that the Libyan Command should let itself fall into the trap and become a tool for its implementation and fruition. There can be no excuse for this behaviour by the Libyan Command."

Israel jets bomb Lebanon twice

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Aug 7.—Israeli Air Force jets bombed Palestinian guerrilla targets in "Fatahland" across the Lebanese border today. The first strike at 1 am was at Kherbeil Junction and the second at 2.10 pm was against objectives in the south.

Communists take district capital in S Vietnam

Saigon, Aug 7.—Communist forces today captured the South Vietnamese district capital of Thuong Duc after bitter fighting in mountainous terrain, military sources reported.

Plan to deprive Ethiopian Emperor of powers

Addis Ababa, Aug 7.—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia would lose his autocratic power over the Government and armed forces under a draft constitution now being studied in Addis Ababa, reliable sources said today.

Man walks on top of New York

New York, Aug 7.—A Frenchman today defied winds and weather to walk a tightrope between the second tallest buildings in the world, the 1,350ft twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York.



Philippe Petit, with balancing pole, during his stroll between the 1,350ft twin towers of New York's World Trade Centre.

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Sea law talks warned of move by US

Caracas, Aug 7.—Two American senators took the United Nations conference on the law of the sea yesterday with their announcement of unilateral moves planned by the Americans in exploitation of sea resources.

Senate threat renewed to Whitlam laws even at cost of further dissolution

From Herbert Mishaal Melbourne, Aug 7.—The joint sitting of the Australian Parliament in Canberra concluded tonight after passing all six Bills proposed by the Labour Government. The two Health Insurance Bills were passed by 95 votes to 92 as well as the Petroleum and Minerals Bill.

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Concorde cuts time to Ira in half

Teheran, Aug 7.—The Concorde airliner cut flying time from London to Tehran in half today, senior Iranian officials said. "It seems certain we will buy it by the end of the year."

Decked out in British ways livery, the Concorde flew 2,700 miles from London to Tehran in 33 minutes, about a quarter of the time taken by the normal London-Tehran flying time of seven hours.

Waiting to greet the 131 invited passengers was Al Ali Khademi, director of Iran Air. "At the moment we are discussing specifications," he said. "We will sign a contract by the end of the year, perhaps October."

Three Peronis shot dead in factional fe

La Plata, Aug 7.—Three wing Peronists were shot today in a new upsurge of factional fighting in the Argentine. The Peronist leader, Juan Peron, was not involved in the shooting.

Black miners killed

Johannesburg, Aug 7.—Black mineworkers died in an underground accident today at Carltonville, Johannesburg.

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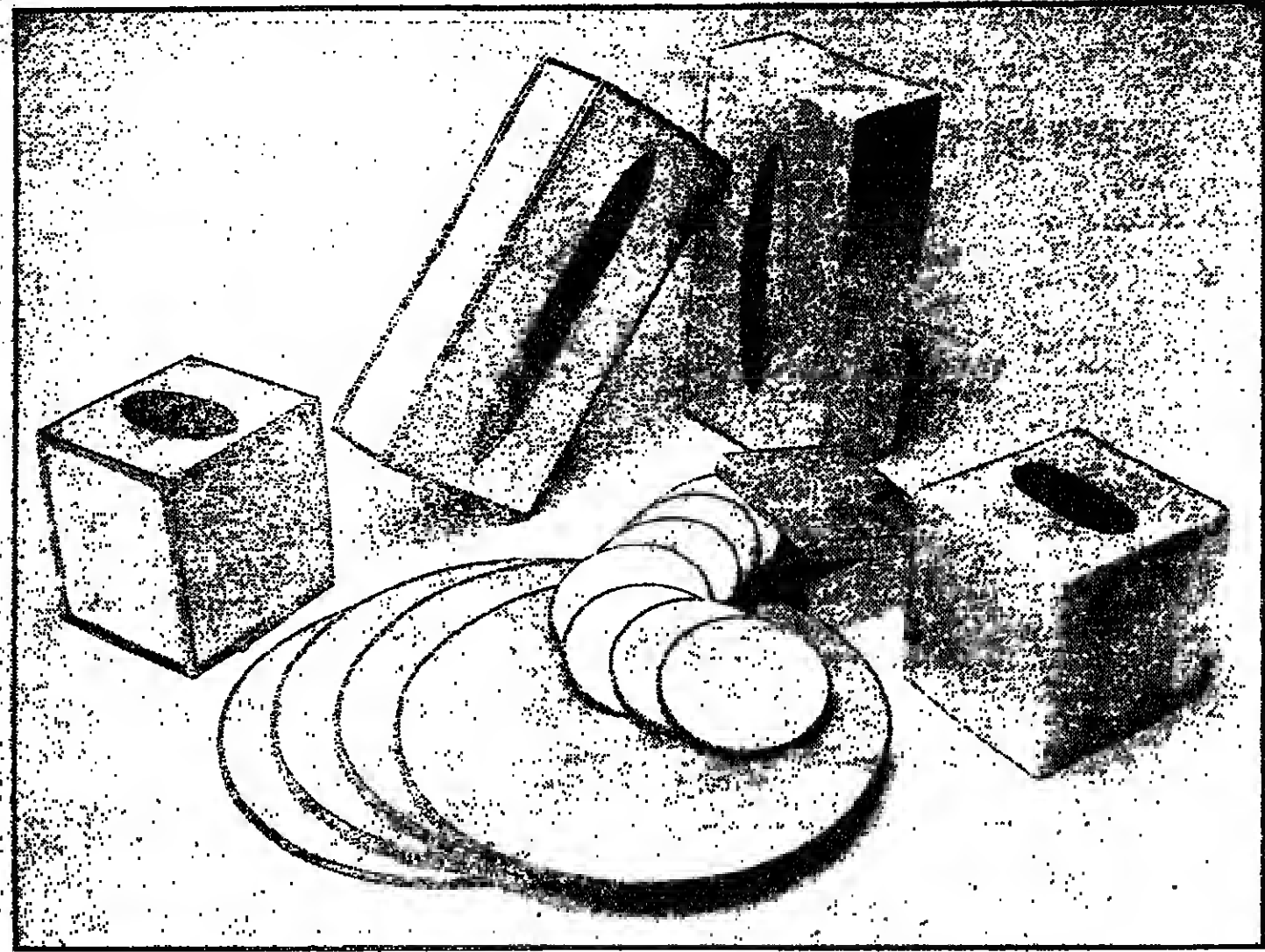
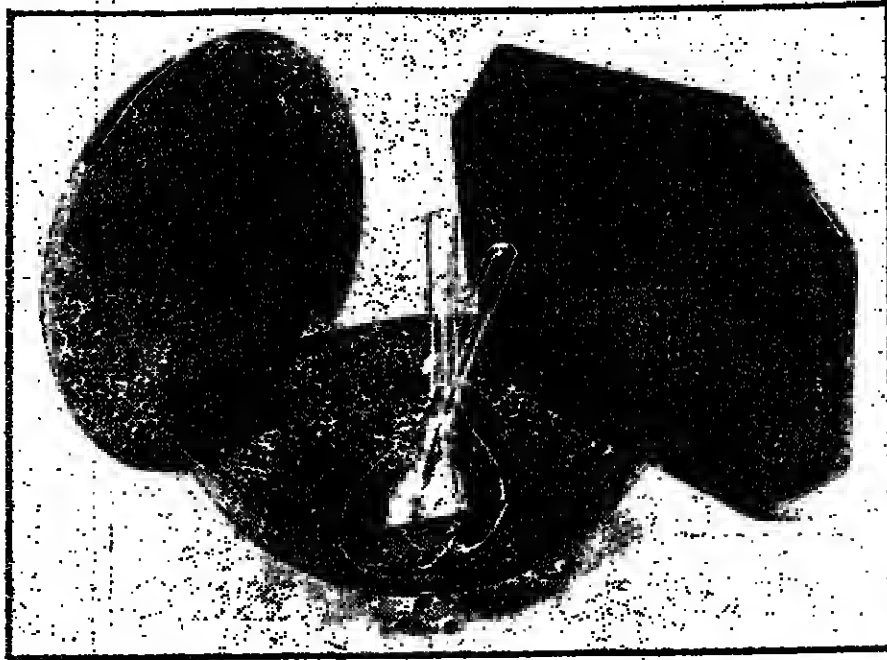
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Shopping around Sheila Black

Perspex that is finished to look like translucent tortoiseshell is made up into washable, usable, elegant salad bowls and trays to sell at John Siddaley, of 4 Harriet Street (just off the northerly part of Sloane Street), London, SW1. The bowls and servers are about £14 and the trays about £7. Ice buckets average £18.

Apart from the tortoiseshell-Perspex ice buckets, there are silvery ones, square ones, octagonal ones and a whole lot of others because this shop has made a speciality of ice buckets over the years. There is also an unusual range of mother-of-pearl pieces made up as place mats (£3 each); tissue boxes with brass trim (£8.50 or £6, according to size and cheaper if without trim), and little boxes. Photograph frames, also in the tortoiseshell finish, would do justice to favourite photographs.



When Lego and Playpak put interlocking, coloured plastic pieces into toy packs they triggered off a whole lot of imitations. Most of them failed to get any new ideas or to reproduce the original excitement for young children. There are, however, two newcomers that children do like. The very young can play Magic Tree, which is a variation on the slotted plastic theme. Flat, smooth, coloured plastic leaves, branches, butterflies and flowers are added to a tree trunk when the appropriate symbol is thrown on the dice. Any number up to four children can play to finish the tree. The final model is as bright as any modern rainbow and the whole thing is good value at £1.25 the box from all good toy stores. Distribution is pretty wide and the manufacturer is Concor Toys, Wellington Road, London Colne, Herts (Bowmansgreen 3334).

The other plastic pack is Popalok and this gives youthful imagination full rein. The pack contains wheels that really turn round, and all sorts of components that allow clocks, wheels, sums, and patterns to be made as well as little houses or trucks. The various pieces are packed in a meshed plastic and this is the kind of educational toy that children love. The big pack is pretty reasonably priced at £3.87 in most shops. Buy it, if not in your local shop, by post from Hamleys for 45p extra (yes, that's a lot but it is large and heavy).

Hamley's address is 200, 202 Regent Street, London W1R 5DF. There are only large sets as yet but smaller, add-on sets may follow.



The girls in the office have found a new love and the men do not resent it. His name is Chatter Chimp and he is just leaving the Pedegree factories for the shops—distribution is picking up now and he should be all over the country within the next two or three weeks. Chatter Chimp is a soft toy and fairly cuddly, but rather too funny to be merely an object of affection although his long-lashed eyes open and close appealingly. He can be hung on red plastic rings that slip over his hands and swung to and fro while he chatters. I cannot quite make out what sets off his random phrases—he seems to repeat some and then vary them. The favourite and most repeated is "I have a banana, munch, munch." He peals off into laughter, invites a visit to the circus, asks if we can be friends, decries himself as a silly monkey nut and generally entertains. He asks to be swung again and demands to know where the tea party is. He is about 21 inches tall and he is now turning up at Hamleys, Debenhams toy departments, Lewis's group stores, Selfridges, and elsewhere. He is £8.99 so will be only for a minority, I imagine. And he is being marketed by Pedegree Toys, Market Way, Caenbury, Kent.

With fuel bills rising astronomically, it is important to think of conserving heat and energy so that we continue to have comfort without waste. Just switching every Thursday from September 5, between 10 am and 8 pm but no outlying visits can be tackled from these initially and there is no permanent phone number yet, so this is just for personal visits. For any information write to or phone Mr Fuscone at the Mill Place address in London.

At London's Design Centre (28 Haymarket, London, SW1), there is an exhibition called "Warmth without Waste". It covers simple things like draught excluders as well as lesser-known heat pumps and thermal wheels. The show is sponsored jointly with the Electricity Council and runs until August 31.

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"Only on Sundays" used to be the refrain of Persiau Carpet Wharf, and it tempted many a customer down to buy oriental decoration for the floor. Trading hours are between 9 am and 2 pm and the address is Regent's Canal Dock, Mill Place, off Commercial Road, London E14 (telephone 01-493 7474).

Now the Wharf is sending out its experienced staff and a choice of carpets on other days, right into the home where you can actually see the carpet in situ. A lovely Mori Bolcharu starts at about £50. Other oriental rugs would start as low as £25—the cutting out of middlemen has held prices down as much as possible, but every piece is of good quality. Send for the open-out colour leaflet, study it and then write or phone your nearest depot or the London office to find out if you are within the area that can be visited—some areas are outside the current range, but it is

Luckily, I have never needed a get-me-home breakdown service but I have a membership card just in case. Mine is with a firm that a number of *Times* readers have praised to me. The National Breakdown Recovery Club is the name and it is at 21A Claremont, Bradford, Yorkshire BD7 1BB. Leaflets are sent on request.

Recently, the DTI redesignated most breakdown services as being firms of insurance service. This means that members are covered through the heat pumps and thermal wheels. It also means that the greater security is at a greater price. Full membership of the NBRC is £3.50 and there is an enrolment fee of 50p. AA and RAC members pay £2.70. Caravans and trailers are charged at £1.20. Since the average cost of a recovery after local breakdown is normally about 15 or 17, the premiums are low. They cover recovery of the car from anywhere in the British Isles.

BOOKS

A private kind of magic

Michael Ratcliff

Caspar David Friedrich By Helmut Börsch-Supan Translated by Sarah Twobig (Hames and Hudson, £10.50)

The German landscape painter Caspar David Friedrich, born two hundred years ago next month, was almost the exact contemporary of Turner and Constable and died in 1840, six months before the birth of Monet. His work has a mystic, insoluble beauty, and an almost unparalleled power to disturb: nearly all of it has remained in Germany, where it has passed from the collections of the original owners, some of them princely, to the great public galleries of, in particular, Dresden, Hamburg and West Berlin.

An artist apparently owing little to his predecessors, nothing to his contemporaries, and leaving no major school to follow his example, Friedrich was almost unknown to the English public until the magnificent Tate exhibition of 1972 and Helmut Börsch-Supan's gorgeously illustrated study, more like a lantern show than a proper book, the first to appear on the popular English market. A less expensive account is still needed.

Friedrich stands at the very heart of the Romantic movement. He was born on the Baltic coast and, though settled in Dresden for the whole of his adult life, returned time and again to the natural forms and Northern light of his birthplace and, in particular, to the dramatic and pastoral visions on the Island of Rugen.

When a storm was raging fiercely and the foam-capped waves were at their highest, he would stand there, soaked to the skin by the spray or a sudden shower of rain, simply gazing at all with a passionate expression on his face as if he could never get his fill. Whenever a storm with thunder and lightning moved over the cliffs as if he had a pact of friendship with the forces of nature, or even went on into the oak wood where the lightning had struck a tall tree from top to bottom, which led him to murmur: "How great, how mighty, how wonderful!"

He did not paint like that; but it is worth quoting this reminiscence at length, as it shows, as his work at first does not, that the reflective Protestant from Pomerania ex-



Caspar David Friedrich: self-portrait

perienced the same formative emotion of the day as Rousseau, Coleridge, Wordsworth, Shelley or Keats. He transmuted the violence of his feelings towards the elemental infinities of Nature into paintings as precisely organized as a sonnet or a ritual prayer. The excluded elements remain unaccountably present: in many of the paintings one is simultaneously aware not only of the painted moment but of those many that preceded it and of the ways in which the scene is going to change the moment one takes one's eyes away.

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He communicates this awe directly to us. The effect is almost psychic, and it is very rough: it survives all attempts at rationalization. One of the most characteristic features of the Tate show was the sight of spectators catching their breath, lowering their eyes to Dr Börsch-Supan's catalogue notes for further information, raising them again to the picture, frowning, shrugging and passing on. For Dr Börsch-Supan, also co-author of the catalogue last year, clips Friedrich's art like a fierce hedge. He is determined to dissolve all the mysteries essential to our experience of it by applying to each of 50 paintings a symbolic key as simple as a chess piece, and in the absence of any serious argument, both eccentric and bland.

A Friedrich ship stands for human existence; a rock for faith; the sky is eternity. A poplar usually means death; a birch is resurrection, a pine Christian steadfastness in the journey from a world to the next. The moon is Christ, a hat thrown to the ground a sign of humility. (Why? A path is the path of earthly life, a serene range of

mountains another vision of mortality. Death covers over this and much like it is of interesting as far as it goes for all his talk about light. Dr Börsch-Supan goes about like far enough. A £10.50 would seem an ideal price for the "extensive substitution of this symbolic material for lack of space" in the Tate catalogue, but chance is passed up: there is a lot of white space and a type.

Friedrich led a measured life, and he remained essentially young from the age of about 30 but there must be more to us about the forces that bind him than consistency. Not modern scholars, for example, have assumed his basic poetry to be so simple. Dr Börsch-Supan: there is the wild pantheist storming seas of Rugen. Of the brilliant original colourist and reed of intensified light Dr Börsch-Supan's short essays and vignettes offer but the occasional glimpse of the Romantic element of the risk ("On the days the painter is he may be spoken to!" warned the wife he married at 44) but replaced by a kind of high-resistant computer. In fact, introductory text to a still familiar great artist which plain title leads one to expect Caspar David Friedrich, won't do.

What makes it still so able to all scholars, amateurs of the Romantic is that it reproduces in colour a greater extent than before one book a large number masterpieces now scattered through the galleries of West Germany from Munich to Kiel (Britain has two, vichs, early pen and ink pieces, in the Ashmolean). Some of the paintings, reduced so much that they are referred to by the numbers are invisible anyway, at least two—Landscape with a Hunter (1811) and Riese birge (1835)—have grainy acquired their orange-dung rings to which I looked in vain to the Doctor for some useful explanation, but in their combination of serenity and intense passion gives nothing but awe and delight. It is a peculiar private kind of magic, an amount of laboratory analysis going to break its spell.

Poetry

There are few enough authentic poets at any time to make the task of discovering and trying to define them difficult—without bothering with the names of Gollancz yellow, or whether their stiches are up to the standard of tailoring we expect from Oxford University Press. All the same, the activities of one contemporary publishing house have now reached such a pitch that I feel something must be said about it.

Carcanet Press began a few years ago by publishing pamphlets and first collections by a handful of vaguely Oxford-orientated young men. Now, from an unlikely address (266 Councillor Lane, Cheddle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 5PN), it is publishing under its various imprints new and old work of much variety and resourcefulness.

Elizabeth Daryush, the daughter of Robert Bridges and virtual inventor of syllabic verse, was rediscovered by this firm. They re-publish HD, high priestess of Imagism, in her later manifestation as a visionary of the life. The book, two months ago what is already being recognized as one of the most important volumes of collected poems to appear since the war—C. H. Sisson's *In the Trojan Ditch*. Criticism and translation have not been neglected by Carcanet either. And the second volume of the

book-form magazine *Poetry Nation*, published twice yearly under their aegis, is now in the shops (£2.90 annual subscription).

The back cover of a Carcanet book reads these days with something of the authority which Faber books used to possess in Eliot's prime. Their authors are a roll-call of achievement and promise. (With this house there is plainly an informed and enthusiastic passion for poetry, and a commitment to poetry which cares more about the dialect of the tribe than the money in the bank. Passion and commitment have not been so popular among publishers, or common in their mindsets, that the literary world can afford to ignore them.)

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humour is just what Jon Silkin lacks. *The Principle of Water* (Carcanet, £2.20 and £1.25) is his most extended selection for some time, and here, as before, his earnestly groping verses in praise of vegetables and water-wheels doing their stuff in the north country remind me too often of Erasmus Darwin's *Loves of the Plants*. Silkin is like a boxer forever flexing his muscles and snarling at the air, but never hitting anything much. Perhaps a larger subject than self or slag-heaps would help?

I have room only to mention the three other books as demonstrating Carcanet's versatility: *Tuorkin & the Stovemakers* (£2.50), poetry and prose by Alexander Tvardovsky, editor of *Nory Mir*, translated from the Russian by Anthony Rudolf; *Ten Anglo-Welsh Poets*, edited by Sam Adams (£2.50 and £1.25), which includes work by Gwyn Williams, Glyn Jones, Roland Mathias, Harri Webb, Leslie Norris, John Ormond, Raymond Garlick, John Tripp, Gillian Clarke, and John Pook; and *Ten Irish Poets*, edited by James Simmons (£2.50 and £1.25), which has work by its editor and George Buchanan, John Hewitt, Padraic Flacc, Pearse Hutchinson, Michael Hartnett, Eilean Ni Chuilleanain, Michael Foley, Frank Ormsby, and Tom Meheaves. These anthologies, published with support from various Arts Councils, do well to direct attention to distinctive vitalities outside the usual province of London.

plaxed about the anguish of the adult world in which she is a visitor, not a resident. Madame de Rivoyre is a Circe at recapturing the sounds, smells and feel of a vanished world and the translation by Eileen Ellenbogen is admirable.

The Next-to-Last Train Ride by Charles Dennis (Macmillan, £1.95) can for once be precisely described as a picturesque romance, since it does not consist entirely of knaves, rogues and fools. The ride in question involves a coffin full of half a million greenies, a nymphomaniac with three breasts, and much other whimsy decorated with intellectual or socially concerned references to everything from Kafka to Watergate, which is not so far, at that.

Fiction

The Sign By Robin Maughan (W. H. Allen, £2.25)

A central character in Robin Maughan's latest novel is a young Hebrew visionary in Roman-occupied Palestine at the time when Caesar Tiberius was Emperor. The lad raves around Galilee preaching in parables, healing by touch and making such uncomfortably familiar remarks as: "I have come to lead the world from darkness into light... to bring peace to those who grieve and happiness to those who are oppressed." His disciples who give up their jobs to follow him include a fisherman and a publican. He is presided by a vision that he is the long-expected Messiah and accordingly leads his followers up to Jerusalem. There, in addition to the other traditional acts, he attacks the money-changers in the Temple, proclaims himself King of Israel and consequently get himself crucified. His name, as it happens, is Caleb, and any similarity between him and any living person is purely coincidental.

Christine de Rivoyre's *Der Sagittarius* with Lele Hartley's *The Go-Between* is slow, hot, holiday summers long ago, when the sun really showed it explores the same perilous old frontier between Upstairs and Downstairs. And it sees half the act through the eyes of a precocious child, knowing but also greedily per-

Paperbacks

There are two principal ways to treat a historical novel. First, as a genuine work of historical reconstruction, as Zofe Oldenbroy's *The King of the Kingdom* (Fontana), an extremely powerful affecting story of a group of Northern France who go on First Crusade. The sea may be equally historic, accurate, but is placed as entertainment. *The Musketeers* by Alex Dumas (Pan, 50p) has a fiction by Anthony, but outlining the life of the sun and the ambitious summering "ricolour blood" (part 1, part 2, part 3). Nor are the four musketeers, but "Misty Winter is by far the best of Wicked Ladies: *Gene With Wind* has been reissued Pan (95p); Margaret Mitchell first (and only) book ever then, novels about the War tend to seem like pulp file limitations, or "grape prisms from this extracurricular singleton, as readable as Dorothy Dunnett also in her books for young and *The Ringed Castle* (Pan 85p) is the fifth (and penultimate) of a series in which hero, Francis Crawford Lyndon, has escaped various atrocious fates into court of Ivan the Terrible, his wife waits for him and hardly less dangerous intrigues of the court of Queen Some breathtaking scenes such as the moonlit sledge with *retarded* and a really brilliant leap the plot. *Colossus*, by Stephen Marlowe (New English Library 90p) is difficult to categorise. The author spent nearly years in Spain, researching the life of Goya, but not researches into the Spanish Civil War, and is a member *Last for Life*." *The Light and the Dark* is the critic finally managed to be *Good God, man!* I can manage it? *Der Sagittarius*, it, perhaps, *Or Rembrandt*, one else."

It's no good. Art critics aren't like that. Historical truth is a state of affairs, and in view of historical detective Josephine Tey's *The Death of Time* (Penguin, 30p), Grant, a policeman recovered from an injury in hospital researches into the Strange Case of the Murdered Neighbor or was Richard III ghost Scope for speculation is the essence of a historical novel.

Philip Howard

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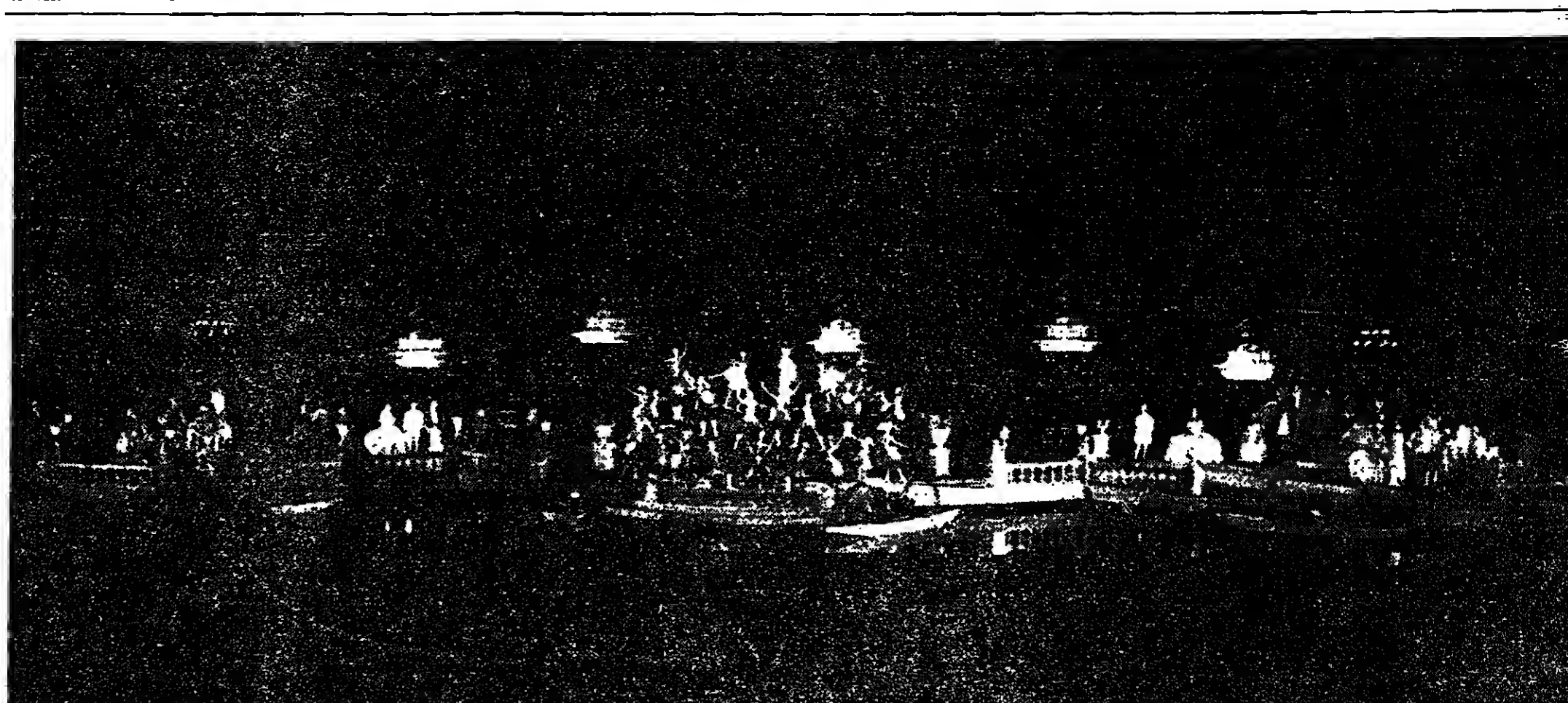
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A Zeller's market by the lake at Mörbisch

Bird-catching is in season in Austria this month. Papageno and Die Zauberflöte opened the Salzburg Festival, described on this page earlier in the week. ...

border. Inevitably, perhaps, the Mörbisch Festival opened 18 years ago with Der Zigeunerbaron, the most Hungarian of Strauss's operettas, and it will be back next year to celebrate the centenary of the first performance at the Theater an der Wien. ...

of appointments for the Royal Menagerie. Zeller seized all his opportunities and turned it into a delicious score in which there is scarcely a bad number. No surprise, then, that Tauber thought Der Vogelshändler worth conducting when it was done in English at the Palace just after the war. ...

Perhaps Mr Minich was keeping an eye and an ear on Alois Aichorn, the rival tenor across the stage, as Count Stanislas. Aichorn will be switching to the role of Adam when the Volksoper mount their new Vogelshändler in the coming season and on the basis of this Stanislas he will sing it well. He has not the exuberance of Minich, but the voice is clear and true, the phrasing stylish, the appearance handsome. ...

The two leading ladies courted well. Dorothea Chryst hurried along the front row of the audience in her horse-drawn cart, with a posthorn in her waist and doubtless a bundle of letters by her side. ...

The theatre at Mörbisch is built out at the end of a small causeway which has been driven into the lake. Across the water is Hungary, and its influence is all around. The sausage stall at the entrance to the open-air seating is called the Pusztai, and patriots will claim that that particular expanse of flat land starts here by the lakeside. ...

Together they have taken a liberty or two with Zeller. A detachment from the Budapest State Opera Ballet comes on during the overture, moving dextrously over a precipitous green hillock in the middle of the stage. ...

The book which Moritz West and Ludwig Held provided for Zeller is hardly a masterpiece of wit or logic, but it does provide meaty roles for two tenors and two sopranos, a good buffo part for the company's bass-baritone and a splendid comic duo for the two elderly academics, Suffle and Würmchen, who are in charge

of the production values, the meticulous attention to set and character, the excellence of the subordinate players. That it finally fell is the responsibility, sadly, of Donald Pleasence, who played the central character, the joker, the small-time sign-taker, but equally often a petard but allowed finally to wriggle out of its noose by a capricious angel of death. ...

As the smart-alec who sets out to con a susceptible Hebraic scholar by taking an heirless and miserly old man, Pleasence never came near convincing. The feel of pre-war New York intellectual ghettoism, its pretentiousness, its claustrophobia, its flashes of redeeming self-parody, were painfully missing from his own petard but allowed finally to wriggle out of its noose by a capricious angel of death. ...

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SPORT Cricket

England should finish on top in the battle of seam

By John Woodcock
On the borders in a summer of two tours, such as this one, is the playing of two Test matches at Lord's. The first against Pakistan, and the second against India. It is a full of good cricket, even if India did go to pieces in the first. The second, against Pakistan, begins today, and if it is as close a game as the recent draw, at Headingley, we shall all be kept on tenterhooks.

First a crawl then a sprint for bonus points

By Peter Marson
BLACKPOOL: Lancashire, with all their innings wickets in hand, are 223 behind Northamptonshire in the first of three bonus points for batting would have made an improbable bet at lunchtime yesterday.

Field day for Kent's seam bowlers

Kent recovered well from their heavy defeat by Middlesex in the previous game and outplayed Warwickshire in the first of the day of the second match of the Canterbury festival week.

Essex v Yorkshire
YORKSHIRE: First Innings
S. G. Boycott, c East, b Boycott, 68
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Second XI competition

Leading first class cricket averages
Batting
B. A. Barrow 1184 10 28.55
D. G. Llewellyn 1100 10 27.50
A. D. Gifford 1050 10 26.25

Pakistani touring side's details

Batting
Wasim Raja 184 10 18.40
Sadiq Mohammad 170 10 17.00
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Hampshire show confidence is justified

By Alan Gibson
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire, with seven first innings wickets in hand, lead Worcestershire by 54 runs. It is possible, indeed probable, that the county championship of 1974 depends upon this match.

Women's event with a difference

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
A different gold competition from the others begins at Sunningdale today where 90 of the best women players in the world compete in the Colgate European tournament.

Oosterhuis should be more at home in Dutch Open

Hilversum, Aug. 7.—An intramural field of 157 headed by Douglas McClelland, of Britain, the champion, will take off in the fifth Dutch Open golf championship here tomorrow.

British win never in doubt

Great Britain's golfing youngsters and their coaches are confident of a five in the youth golf match at Downfield, Dundee, yesterday.

Fourth winner in four races for Wayfarers

Yesterday's race in the series for the forthcoming world championships for Wayfarers, being held at Hayling Island, was the most successful to date.

Women's event with a difference



Jan Stephenson, from Sydney, in action yesterday at Sunningdale.

Jewell has chance to make his name against Milne

Richard Jewell, little known as a player outside Hampshire, earned a place in the semi-final round of the Lord Derby-Ladbroke under-25 matchplay golf championship with a dramatic nineteenth-hole victory at West Lanchashire yesterday.

Amey finds winning no handicap

By John Nicholls
Ronald Amey's yacht, Noryema, was the winner of the Royal Yacht Squadron's race for Class One yachts at Cowes yesterday.

Australians try out new sails

Newport, Rhode Island, Aug. 7.—The Australians experimented with different sails today in preparing their America's Cup contender, Southern Cross, for international competition later this month.

Edwards leads all the way for fourth win

Christopher Edwards gained his fourth consecutive victory in the National 12 dinghy championships at Tenby Bay, Swansea, when he won the Sir William Burton Cup—the main event of the week.

Boxing

Clark to retire on advice of specialist
Johnny Clark, the European champion, British bantamweight, former world champion and produced one of the finest bouts in British boxing, has retired.

Dates announced for Davis Cup play-offs

Johannesburg, Aug. 7.—Africa will play Italy in the 1974 Davis Cup play-off on September 19, 20 and 21.

Vancouver still want Winter Olympics

Vancouver, Aug. 7.—The cover Olympic Organising Committee will play today in the Vancouver Winter Games in spite of the withdrawal of financial support from the Canadian Government.

Squash racks

Johannesburg, Aug. 7.—Squash players from South Africa will play today in the 1974 Davis Cup play-off on September 19, 20 and 21.

Rugby Union

Sydney, Aug. 7.—The Australian rugby union players will play today in the 1974 Davis Cup play-off on September 19, 20 and 21.



Raimondo d'Inzeo on Bellevue: they shared first place.

Winners decide against try for new Dublin record

From Pamela Macgregor Morris Dublin, Aug 7

Major Raimondo d'Inzeo, who does a splendid promotion job for the Irish horse, had a bad fall in the 15th round of Dublin yesterday. Although the 15th horse (the category which last year produced Douglas Bunn's Selsey, the holder of the four-year-old champion record) failed to yield a likely contender for honours in the coveted Supreme Hunter championship tomorrow, the 14 to 15th horses were of better quality. A large class of four-year-olds was well won by Tom Quigley's bay chestnut Nicklos, by Tip a Disc, out of a mare by Colare, from the chestnut Gralla, by Selsey Bill's sire, Sunny Light. Sunny Light was a winner here last year too. Fiona Kinross, the former owner of Eddie Macken's great international horse Pele, runner-up for the men's world title, and Biddy Brown, on Sandblaze, from David Broome on Sportsman. In the jumping ring, the champion was the 18-year-old champion, Biddy Brown, on Sandblaze, from David Broome on Sportsman. In the 18-year-old champion, Biddy Brown, on Sandblaze, from David Broome on Sportsman. In the 18-year-old champion, Biddy Brown, on Sandblaze, from David Broome on Sportsman.

Supporters of Newcastle not fenced in

Newcastle United, who have been ordered by the Football Association to play all their FA Cup ties away from home this season after crowd violence, have put their supporters "on probation". If the crowds behave well in the first five home matches of the new season, starting with the Texaco Cup game against Middlesbrough on Saturday, they will not be fenced in. But if there is any trouble, Newcastle United intend to take immediate action to restore the good name of the British football supporter. This can only be done with the cooperation of the genuine football supporter whose reputation for loyalty and knowledge of good football is being damaged by a minority who, however, their reputation was tarnished last season by a fanatic minority who seemed bent on making football an excuse for rioting.

Yesterdays results

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VERNONS POOLS, LIVERPOOL

NEW SEASON STARTS THIS SAT AUG 10 WITH A FULL LIST OF BRITISH MATCHES & THE CHANCE, EVERY WEEK TO WIN £200,000 FOR 800S A WEEK

Lynch's riding gets full marks

By Brough Scott

Any racecourse is a lesser place without the unpredictable wisecracks of the Lambour trainer, Douglas Marks. But if the master himself is laid temporarily low in the Radcliffe Infirmary after a minor operation, at least his two horses, Filhara Dust and Wishing Star, kept supporters laughing with a double at Brighton yesterday.

Wishing Star won the Gimcrack Stakes at York three years ago, and to judge from yesterday's display at the Brighton Handicap Cup, he may well take a big price at this year's meeting in a fortnight's time. For there was a lot to like about the eight-year-old, who answered the 15-year-old apprentice David Pugh in the final furlong and came through to cut down the front-running Baber.

But there were two post-race incidents which may not have aided his chance in the Ebor Handicap. First, the £152 first prize was just £13 too valuable to escape a 4lb penalty for the York hill to get clear two furlongs out, and when Lynch got Filhara Dust in touch this long-backed gelding lunged with the canter of the track. But Lynch managed to pull him out, rebalance him and with the post flapping towards them, goad him into a final stretch to get ahead in the last strides.

Camdamus, another long-backed animal, was out so lucky in the fifth race, he had looked the winner only for the photographer to go against her, and she also came off worst in the subsequent stewards' enquiry. It seemed as if the wife, Aunt Eva, might have impeded her as she hung away from the rails in the last furlongs, but the all-seeing eye of the patrol camera showed this to be false, and as Aunt Eva was giving 22lb to her opponent, the victory was hardly easy gained.

Kublai gains repeat victory in Prix Georges Courtois

Kublai landed a notable double for Ireland or Deauville today when he won the Prix Georges Courtois for the second year running, but not before surviving an objection by Luca Cumani, the rider of the English challenger, James Young.

Desmond Brown always had Kublai well up in the field behind Crater, who made most of the running. Halfway up the straight, Kublai went on from Crater and easily beat off the late challenges of James Young and Prince Douvres, whom René Romanet managed to revitalise after the horse had looked beaten.

Kublai again returned a good price of just over 14/1, the main gamble of the afternoon being on Kublai's stable companion, Golden Lancer, and James Young.

Brighton results yesterday

2.0 (2.0) BEACH STAKES (2-y-o: 26/18)

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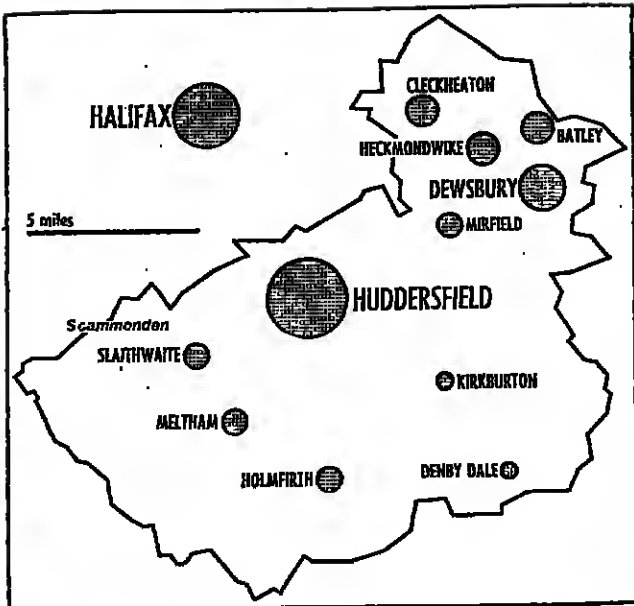
KIRKLEES

Robin Hood brings the communities together

by Patrick O'Leary



Huddersfield is a town that moves with the times. Its railway station (top) may have a traditional exterior, but its new Market Hall (above) is emblazoned with a modern motif.



liance on the textile industry has been diversified with chemicals and engineering, the heavy woolen area running through Dewsbury, Batley and Spenborough, and the semi-rural south, with industrialized towns and villages widely scattered in the rich countryside.

Emerging from this bureaucratic upheaval, Dewsbury Town Hall stands black with honours, and seems to be registering a mute protest at the transfer of power to spruce Huddersfield, which has a new civic centre and market hall, and cleaned-up town hall and railway station.

Even before the station, adored with Corinthian columns, was built in 1847, Frederick Egels described Huddersfield as "the handsomest by far of all the factories of Lancashire and Yorkshire".

But other towns in Kirklees have their charms. At Mirfield early in July Dr Ramsey, retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, paid a visit to the impressive buildings of the community of the Resurrection.

Heckmondwike also has handsome church buildings, including the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit and its adjoining school stretching down a hill. This town retains something of a country air, with its open streets market causing some traffic confusion.

Throughout the area are constant reminders of the centuries-old wool trade. Weavers' cottages can be seen out by their many windows on the top storey, where the looms were worked. Later, in the valleys close to the rivers, came the mills.

Many of these are now disused, but their solid construction makes demolition a heavy task. Houses often rise steeply up the hillsides. In the south, Emley Moor television tower caps pleasant rolling farmland.

The M62, the Peaseley motorway, runs in and out of the boundary in one corner of Kirklees. Good road and rail links enable many people to live in the area and work and shop in Leeds.

A few commute to Bradford, Manchester and Sheffield. Low-price housing, and the number of long-established building societies in the West Riding attract home buyers.

Kirklees takes its name from a ruined priory north of Huddersfield, where Robin Hood is said to have gone to die. But it was not chosen entirely for romantic association.

The name Huddersfield would not have been acceptable to Batley and Dewsbury, Councillor Megahy said. "We started with 50 names, including Wnoldale and Brigandine. Finally the choice was between Upper Aghrigg and Kirklees."

What had hee Metropolitan District 6D had found an ideology.

"It is an interesting area, with tremendous differences between communities," the council leader said. "But I have been impressed by the way they have overcome parochialism. People feared this would be a Huddersfield takeover, but I am pleasantly surprised at the way they are coming to accept the change."

Councillor Megahy said there were 72 members on the new council. Previously he had been on Mirfield

Council, with 12 members. "We have had to adjust to a different style of working," he said. "Much more has to be done by correspondence now, instead of popping in to speak to chief officers."

Of the electors, he said: "I think the areas lacked in some towns where rates were formerly low there will probably be pressure to get more amenities. I believe there is a big potential in this sort of reorganization."

His view has already been proved right. Villagers at Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, have complained about road repairs and the lack of litter bins. "With the heavy council of Huddersfield, where Robin Hood is said to have gone to die, we want a better service now", they said.

Mr Eric Dixon is the authority's Chief Executive Officer. He agreed the area lacked homogeneity, but believed the new organization would be able to tackle problems on a broader scale than before.

"I spend my time and so do other officers working on structural arrangements at county and district levels. We have been so conscious of wanting to collaborate."

Mr Dixon said that although the area had a high proportion of immigrants, mostly Pakistanis, Muslims and West Indians, community relationships were remarkably good. It had previously absorbed Irish settlers before the last war, and Poles immediately after it.

Unemployment was generally low, although the Dewsbury and Batley area had suffered from dependence on the heavy woolen industry. "We could do with a science-based industry in that end of the district", he said.

"We also have a legacy of nineteenth-century towns which need redevelopment. We need some office and vice-based enterprises."

Among the 10 districts set up to administer Kirklees is one for environmental health. In addition to normal public health duties it is pushing ahead with small control.

Two thirds of Huddersfield has now been covered, and by 1981 it will be officially a "white area" to a recent plea to the Government for increased support grants. The council said that in the many of the smaller towns in the area had lacked money to bring their communities up to modern standards. It also said that while unemployment was low, so were earnings, and many women compelled to work.

The authority asked extra government help clearing sites of disused hies, brick and clay workings and old railways.

It should receive a sympathetic hearing, Harold Wilson is a local man and became an honorary member of Huddersfield in 1968. Oddly enough a similar honour was conferred on Colonel Harold Wilson. T. Harold Wilson's sons is a joke by the worst kind of Tory hackbecher, but a soldier received his freedom in 1901 on return from South African War. Many others in this part of Yorkshire he was a Lib

Exports surge but region needs broader industrial base

by Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial Correspondent

One might be excused for thinking that an area covering well over 100,000 acres and inhabited by nearly 400,000 people in the heart of what used to be known as the West Riding would be reasonably well known to industry. Yet I had to think twice when the Kirklees metropolitan area was mentioned.

The name is new to many but the region is old. It encompasses Huddersfield, Holmfirth, Heckmondwike, Dewsbury, Batley, Meltham and Marsden, all of which have honourable records in the industrial history of Yorkshire.

This is a far-flung area taking in a large slice of the wool textile industry of the country. The fine wools of Huddersfield and the heavy woolen goods of Batley and Dewsbury are well known but when a sprinkling of engineering, tractor manufacture and chemicals is added, that is the sum total of industry in the area. The new Kirklees council is keenly aware of the dangers to the economy of a district that has too many eggs in one industrial basket and is considering a programme of diversification.

To those who tend to measure the prosperity of a region by its unemployment figures it may be said with confidence that the Kirklees metropolitan area is fairly well off. The July unemployment rate in Huddersfield, for example, was 1.3 per cent. In June and May it was 1.2 per cent which, taking into account the unemployed, may be regarded as virtually full employment. The difficulty is quite the opposite. Textiles employ some 23,500 workers, engineering 17,500, scientific and miscellaneous industries some 12,500 and, according to the Department of Employment, there are serious shortages of skilled workers in most industries, but particularly in engineering.

About one person in three in the Huddersfield area is employed in textiles.

The Kirklees region manufactures a wide range of textiles. Huddersfield's fine worsteds are world renowned and, whether cloth is worsted or woolen, the Huddersfield label is a valuable selling point. Huddersfield textile manufacturers are known as the innovators in the industry, particularly in the style and design of cloth. Creative Huddersfield leads and people in the industry from such faraway places as Bradford unashamedly follow.

The "value for money" cloth, as it is known in the trade—the heavy woollens—come from Dewsbury, but every sort of fabric is made in Kirklees. Wards like coatings, skirtings, men's jackets are commonplace. Toy fabrics and slipper fabrics are also made.

It is said that the area exports more a head of population than any other in the country. It is difficult to dispute. Not only are there top-grade textiles but ICI chemicals, David Brown gears, David Brown tractors, and several other enterprises swell the export potential.

Generally speaking, the wool textile industry may now be regarded as in a mood of misgiving, as one

industrialist put it. The manufacturers have suffered under an international slump in the industry. They moved suddenly into a period of boom which lasted two years and which is now just over. They have enjoyed a period of expansion which has been replaced by what can be described only as a loss of confidence. The world's textiles have been hit by the oil crisis, and the Government's attitude towards the EEC and towards nationalization of his companies has done nothing to make wool textile men smile.

It is not suggested that there is much, if any, danger of the nationalization of wool textile concerns. What troubles the wool men is that companies like ICI and Courtauld, who supply yarn to the wool textile industry—made fibre to mix with wool—might be regarded as leading targets for nationalization.

It is true that the industry not long ago received something of a boost when the Government decided to earmark £15m aid for companies contemplating modernization.

There has been a marked increase in recent months of exports to EEC partners and in the first quarter of this year exports of crops, yarns and fabrics to EEC countries showed a 5 per cent rise. In hard cash this amounted to £11.8m. Sales to the rest of the world were £31.5m in the first quarter. This may sound impressive until one realizes that costs have rocketed and it is possible to record an increase in value but a decrease in volume of goods.

Textile concerns are still the biggest employer in the Batley area which it must be admitted sticks out like a sore thumb when one is considering unemployment statistics. The rate at Batley is well above that of other parts of the Kirklees area, standing at 3.3 per cent. This compares with the regional average of 2.6 per cent and national average of 5 per cent. If one looks at men only, the unemployment rate rises to 5.1 per cent, but when one considers this represents 344 men out of work the situation takes on a different light.

Clearly there is room for an injection of new industry, or at least an expansion of existing industry, in the Kirklees area.

The view of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council is that the region would be better off expanding existing industry than concentrating on attracting newcomers, and Kirklees may well take the same attitude. The thinking behind this is that, if various areas of the region are not selective in whom they attract, it will end up with a hotchpotch of companies that are merely headquarters in the region, the place where decisions are taken. Headquarters will provide much-needed office jobs and the more people that can be found in white collar employment the more activity will be generated in service industries.

A spokesman for Kirklees Metropolitan Council made the point that the council was anxious to see some industrial and commercial renewal, particularly in the heavy woolen areas. "There is a lot of scope for office develop-

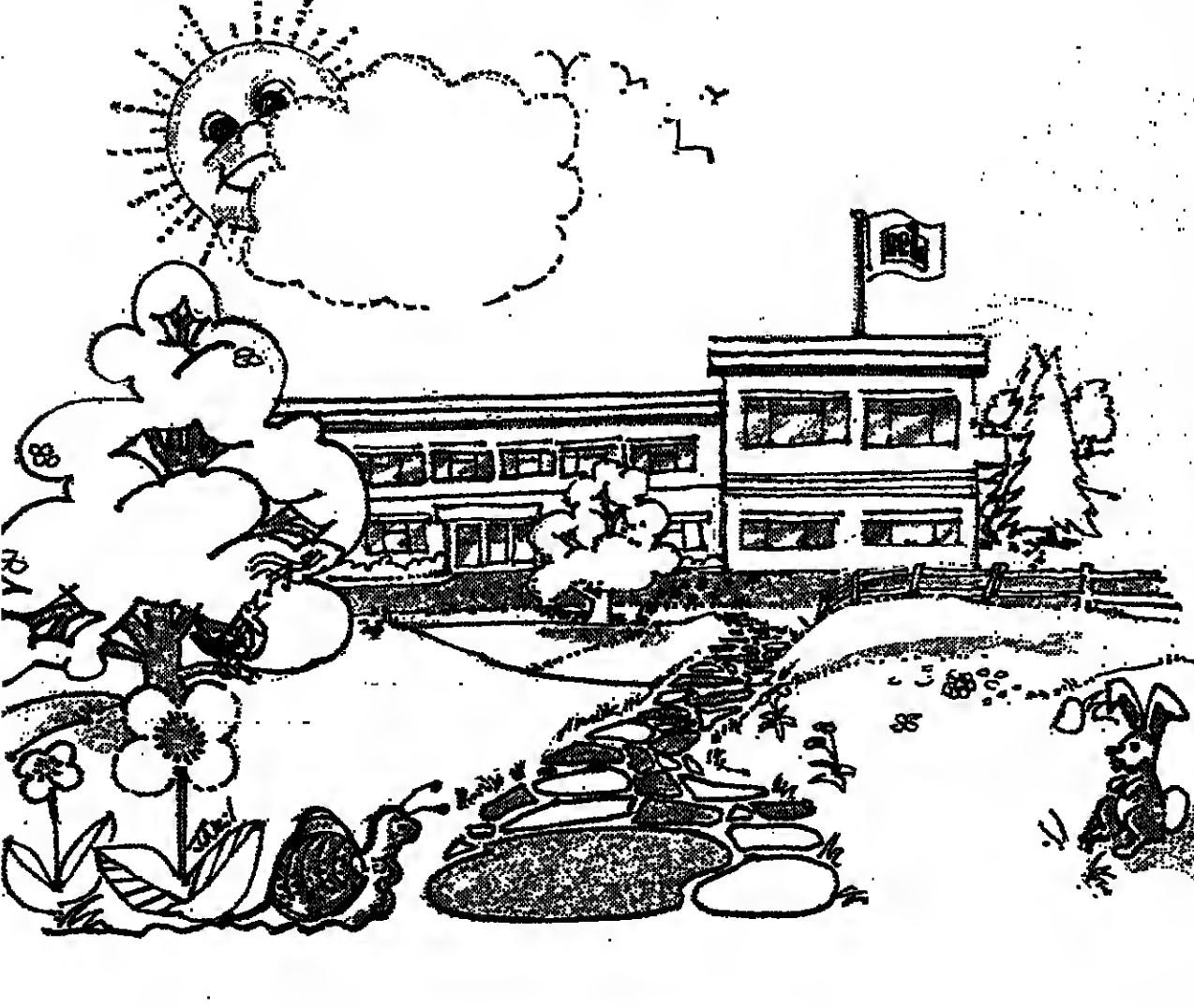
ment and for technologically based industries", he said. In long term the aim is not so much to solve a problem of unemployment as to secure an upgrading in the wage levels of the area. Once this is achieved it will generate activity in other manufacturing fields because, as people become better off, they will spend more.

There can be little doubt that the position of Kirklees in relation to the motorway network is already proving of benefit. A new industry

almost, that of warehousing, has sprung up. Apart from facilities being provided on new industrial estates, there are in the area many old mills that have been taken over and turned into warehouse premises so that the region is now becoming known as a distribution centre.

If anyone has a keeo eye on distribution benefits it is the mail order companies, and the fact that one prominent company has established itself in a mill in the Colne Valley is evidence enough of the value of position.

When the M62 is completed in the near future, access to the east and west coast ports is assured. Within 10 miles the motorway connects with the M1 motorway to the east giving access to north and south routes and in the west the M connects with the M61 doing the same. The region motorway box has long been publicized as one of the most significant features of its industrial situation.



Put yourself in our place

Generous and imaginative landscaping is an important feature of our new industrial centre in the heart of Huddersfield which is to open in October this year.

Every effort is being made to achieve a pleasant working environment which means happier staff. It all adds up to more output—better for them, for the company, for the community. Better for everybody.

The Ringway Industrial Centre has been created out of a derelict railway yard which, although only a quarter of a mile from the City Centre, had remained unused and unkempt for many years. A newly constructed slip road with direct access off the recently completed Huddersfield inner ring road, leads directly to the main estate.

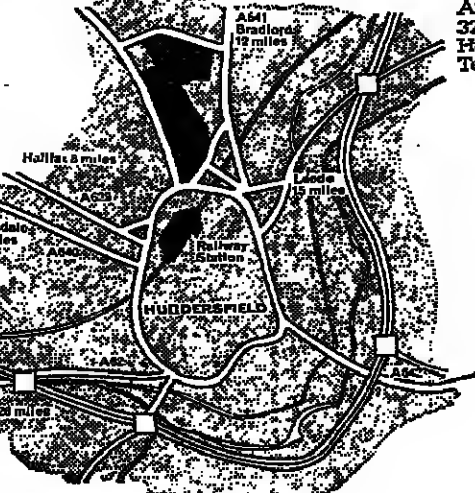
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Target of 1,000 new homes a year

Legacy of old houses and schools makes meeting demand on a year-by-year basis difficult. The council is now planning to build 1,000 new homes a year to meet the demand.

Kirklees has about 1,000 houses in the process of being built. Some 3,300 are included in the five-year demolition plan, another 24,000 are planned to be built in the next five years.

One resident said: "I do not know any place where houses are cheaper. I bought my semi-detached house in Huddersfield four years ago for £2,950. It is centrally heated but has no garage."

"In January it was valued at £6,100. A similar house with garage near Rochdale, where I work, was priced at £9,800 recently."

Forty-eight per cent of this year's rates will be spent on educational services. The budget provides for increased spending on nursery, primary and secondary schools, as well as expansion of Huddersfield Polytechnic and the two technical colleges in the area.

Landscaping helps to attract both employers and job-seekers

In common with most other areas in Yorkshire and on Humber side, Kirklees is looking for industrial and commercial renewal with the emphasis on the development of office jobs. This means the development of office and factory property ready to accommodate industrial and commercial enterprises which the local authority hopes to attract.

The project attracted considerable interest and the letting agents, Henry Spencer & Sons, were able to report some time ago that negotiations were at an advanced stage for the pre-let of more than half the development.

On the day that the mayor inaugurated the project, it was announced that Rust Craft Greeting Cards had signed an agreement, subject to planning permission, to take the first 30,000 sq ft of the development and, subsequently, a further similar amount for production purposes.

Mr Colin Hayes, managing director of Chelwell Dene Holdings, has said that the Dewsbury project demonstrates clearly that despite what some politicians may say to the contrary private developers still play a significant role in the provision of industrial and employment potentials.

The first stage of the Dewsbury project will include advance industrial units, office accommodation and extensive refurbishment of existing buildings. The advance units are scheduled for completion later this year and the offices in 1975.

The development will include about 40,000 sq ft of offices, nearly 23,000 sq ft of advance units in multiples of 3,000 sq ft and a variety of other accommodation.

The site is close to the M1 and M62, both of which are linked to Dewsbury's central area by dual carriage ways. The development also offers much-needed industrial diversification to the Dewsbury area. Apart from this riverside industrial park, there is another Dewsbury project in Breton Street. The developers are Lapid Developments and the site is at the corner of Headfield Road and Breton Street, within easy access of the M1 and M62. It is an industrial estate and the 15-acre site is being developed in two phases.

The proximity of the motorway network is probably the biggest single selling point that Kirklees can offer. It is certainly evident in the development of the Ringway Industrial Centre at Huddersfield, a project of Slough Industrial Estates.

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The Ringway Industrial Centre is now under construction with a first stage of 45,000 sq ft. Units of various sizes from 6,000 sq ft—about 90p a sq ft—will be available. The centre is three miles from the M62 which links with the M1 10 miles away. It is a 22-acre site one third of a mile from the town centre and occupiers will be eligible for the various government incentives given in intermediate areas. Taking into account future motorway and trunk road improvements Slough calculates that by next year Huddersfield will be within 30 minutes' drive of 3,500,000 people and within four hours of 37 million people.

Kirklees is also formulating a policy for the development of shopping areas. The council is taking as its starting point a special proposal commissioned by the former Huddersfield Borough Council from Building Design Partnership. In general the conclusions and recommendations produced in the report had been accepted by the new Kirklees authority. But one of the report's principal proposals—the re-jection of a superstore at Birkby previously accepted by the council—was only recently overturned by Mr Anthony Crosland, the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The proposal was to convert old mill premises at Clough House Mills into a supermarket with a garden centre alongside. The way is now clear for the company concerned, F. & A. E. Lodge of Huddersfield, to go ahead with its plans with only a slight modification of size made on the recommendation of the Department of Environment's inspector after a public inquiry.

Three proposals for shopping

Mr Peter Clarke, the deputy director of planning for Kirklees, believes that Huddersfield has adequate shopping facilities in the town centre and suggests that any further expansion would be extremely selective.

There are three proposals for shopping developments at Dewsbury which seem likely to be approved but the main concern of Kirklees is a proposal for a development at Batley which will include retail shopping space, a car park and a gas station. The former Batley Corporation was considering this development in association with Town and City Properties and the corporation obtained much of the land required and cleared it. This has now been taken over by Kirklees.

Mr Clarke said: "There is no doubt that new life is required in the centre but some concern has been expressed at the scale of this proposed development and what it will do to other centres near by." Dewsbury is only a couple of miles away and Heckmoadwike is within easy distance.

Original proposals were for a complex of 300,000 sq ft, of which some 230,000 sq ft would be for retail shops. One very large store and probably 20 small units would comprise the complex. The question being asked is whether, if this scheme goes ahead, smaller shops in other centres would survive. The new complex clearly could not exist on the trade it would draw from the Batley area alone.

Kirklees and the West Yorkshire County Council are together studying the implications of such a development and have set up a joint working party for this purpose. Whatever the outcome of the various plans under review it must be of some comfort to the traders and shoppers of Kirklees to know that questions of environmental, functional and commercial concern are being exercised so carefully by the minds of the local authority.

Finding the brass for bands, choirs and sports centres

It is one of the characteristics of the North of England that its inhabitants like to participate in outdoor sports and other cultural activities. Kirklees Council has set up a brass band, a choir and a sports centre.

At first the extensive village does not seem to contain anywhere flat enough to play. But on a hilltop is a stretch of turf in prime condition. Clearly, the more excited areas than the one glimpsed from the train passing another village, with fielders in brown trousers and braces.

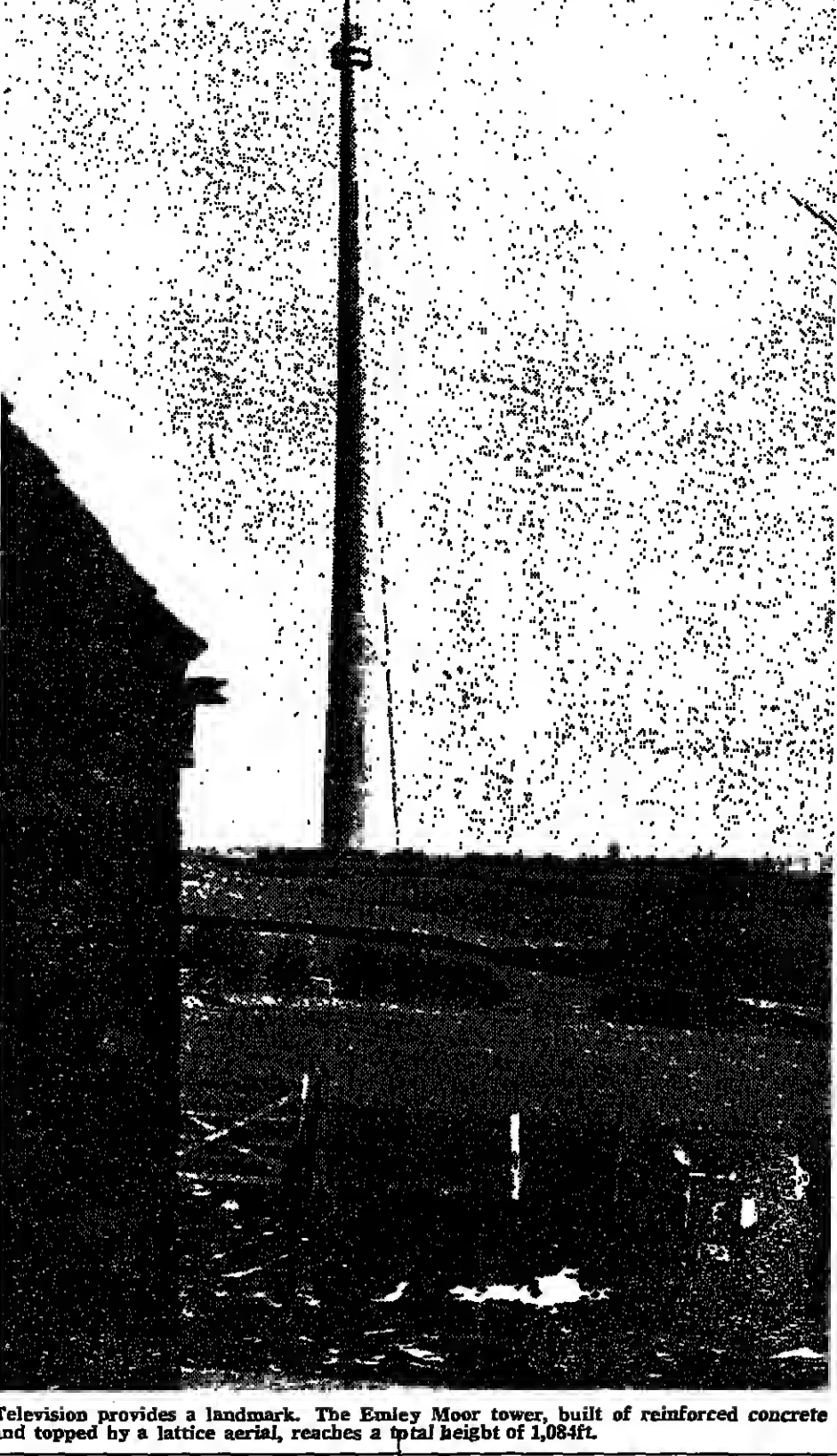
The area lacks professional theatres—Huddersfield's Theatre Royal was demolished in 1961—but there are arts centres there and at Dewsbury used by amateur dramatic and operatic societies. Batley has a variety club of more than 100 members.

Visiting orchestras play to full halls, but what West Riding people like best is the music in which they can join, particularly brass bands and choirs. From 1932 to 1967 Sir Malcolm Sargent conducted the Huddersfield Choral Society, "my choir," as he called them.

They have the advantage of the town hall, whose acoustics are widely praised, and a fine organ. Still, their Messiah does not go unchallenged by other choirs in neighbouring valleys.

Musical enthusiasm shows signs of dying out. "There is a strong interest in music of every sort in the schools," a Kirklees official said. "We have an increasing number of youth orchestras."

The vocal power of Association football fans has been muted lately. Huddersfield are in the Third Division, and teams in Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield draw the gates. A new manager, Bobby Collins, has been appointed to restore



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Kirklees. A wealth of new possibilities.

Why the Greek government has most at stake in the horse-trading over Cyprus

As Mr James Callaghan begins the second phase of talks on the Cyprus crisis in Geneva today, he may well find himself called upon to intervene more decisively in the dispute between Greece and Turkey. Until now he has managed to stay neutral, but as the fighting continues it seems likely that his Greek and Turkish colleagues will now try to pull him down off the fence. Britain has strong military and air forces in Cyprus. Until now they have kept clear of the fighting and confined their role to one of rescue and supply. But there is now a danger that, unless a true ceasefire and a true agreement are established soon, they will find themselves invited by one side or the other to join battle.

George Mavros, who only a few weeks ago was in the colonels' prison camp on the island of Nicosia, is now Greece's Foreign Secretary and deputy Premier. He negotiated the July 30 ceasefire agreement and will be Greece's representative in Geneva again today. Yesterday he spoke to me on the telephone from Athens. He said: "I do not appeal to the goodwill of the British. I appeal to their sense of duty. They made a commitment, not a gesture of goodwill. They are a guarantor power, they have a presence there and they have the means to implement the decisions, not only the one taken by the U.N. Security Council, but also the agreement signed by myself, my Turkish colleague and Mr Callaghan."

superiority, especially by seizing Greek villages after the ceasefire. Mr Mavros spoke with some bitterness of Turkey's violations of the ceasefire of July 22 and of the agreement of July 30. The Turks broke the original ceasefire more than 80 times, he says: "One would at first have thought that they would have stopped after we signed our agreement. But you only have to look at a map, day by day, and you will see a continual expansion of their positions. I do not see why we should seek a new agreement until we are sure that the one we agreed upon will be observed by the other side. I do not subscribe to the theory that bilateral agreements commit one party and not the other."

"What Mr Mavros wants is the restoration of the status quo ante, the return to normality in Cyprus, the withdrawal of all forces." He, Mr Callaghan and Mr Turan Günes would then be able to get down to serious talks on a new Cyprus constitution. "The constitution of 1960 was absolutely impossible. I think it was responsible for much of the tension in Cyprus which led to the last crisis. It could not work. Nevertheless, it will be the basis of the talks."

On Saturday the foreign ministers will be joined by the representatives of the two Cyprus communities—Glafcos Clerides and Rauf Denktaş, whom I have accepted as the vice-President of the Republic. As soon as these talks get under way there is bound to be heavy horse trading on the division of power. Under the 1960 system the Turks received 30 per cent of the seats in Parliament. The new government, more than half of whose members served prison terms under the colonels, was plunged straight into the crisis and into talks where they had to negotiate from a position of military weakness. Clearly they are looking for ways to redress the balance and Mavros's words seem to imply that Greece may be looking to Britain to use her forces from the sovereign base areas to enforce the various agreements.

From talks with other Greek Government sources it emerges that Greece will be placing a literal interpretation on the words "guarantor power" which appear in the 1959 Zurich Agreement. Their position now seems to be that the three guarantor powers have not only a right to intervene militarily, but also an obligation, once the sovereignty of Cyprus is threatened. After all, what is a guarantee? The Greeks feel that the word implies a duty, not a privilege. Only a few days ago Turkey made use of its rights under the treaty to prevent what they thought was an attempt to unite the island with Greece. The precedent has been set. Greece may now feel that she and Britain have a right and an obligation to use force to prevent Turkey from exploiting her present military

cause the Greek community is 82 per cent and the Turkish community 18 per cent. A fair solution would be to give them 20 per cent, just 2 per cent more than their share of the population.

In the face of the crucial issue is not the division of parliamentary seats, or even the division of portfolios in a new Government, but the degree of autonomy and blocking power which will be allowed to the Turks. Under the 1960 system separate majorities of Greek and Turkish members were required to pass tax bills, and by blocking such bills the Turks could make government impossible, which they eventually did in 1963, effectively bringing power sharing to an end. In the next few days the Turks will be requiring safeguards, while the Greeks will be unwilling yet again to give them the power to make government impossible.

The Turks will also wish to maintain the self-government which, since power sharing broke down, they have built-up in their enclaves. They now have their own police, schools and law courts. Their young men often grow up not speaking Greek and without any contact at all with the 82 per cent majority on the island. The Greeks regard this as creeping partition and will oppose it.

The official Greek view is that the country is now united in the face of this external danger and that the Cyprus issue poses no threat to the new democratic system. "In any case, we do not intend to stay long in power," says Mavros. They will hold elections very soon and in the meantime the government is broadly based, including socialists as well as right-wingers and excluding only the communists.

But other government sources have given their view that the Cyprus issue is connected to the internal situation.

"Politics are politics and in the long term defeat or humiliation over Cyprus are bound to have their effects," I heard yesterday from a Government spokesman. "The truth could be expressed more dramatically, that extremists both from the right and from the left are waiting like vultures for Prime Minister Karamanlis and his Government to be overthrown. The Cyprus crisis passes. The matter will be solved by a free expression of the Greek people. Exactly the same answer applies to the people who have committed crimes. This matter will be raised too eventually, but only after the external danger has passed. The Government feels that the matter to the final judge must be the Greek people. They will decide how harshly or how leniently they wish to proceed."

"There are some urgent cases where the movement of people might be dangerous, or where quite obvious injustices have to be corrected, and these are being dealt with now, within the limits of the time that the Government can spend on them. But they cannot be dealt with properly until Cyprus is settled."

Mr Mavros had kind words for his British opposite number. "Mr Callaghan worked hard and was very helpful." But Britain's task in the talks beginning today looks like being far more difficult than it was 10 days ago. This time the Greek side will not be content with British neutrality. It will ask for British support to redress what it considers the injustice of continual Turkish

advances, both territorial and political. It will ask certainly for diplomatic support, perhaps for the Greek side.

The Greeks of the right as well as the left are already going through a period of fervent anti-Americanism, which will be magnified by the sudden disgrace of President Nixon, under whose suzerainty the colonels ruled Greece for five and a half years. Greece sees the July 30 agreement as a defeat and any further defeat would amount to a national humiliation. The loss of Kyrenia, for instance, would at once be compared with the loss of the former Greek cities like Smyrna and Constantinople, the wounds of which have scarcely healed.

Already cries are widespread for Greece's withdrawal from Nato, not only from communists, but also from people of the centre, supporters of the new government. The result of this would be catastrophic. Turkey gives Nato control of the Dardanelles and of entry to the Black Sea. It is of great value, especially in view of the continual expansion of the Soviet navy. But Greece's contribution is equally valuable—control of the Aegean and the provision of important bases in Crete and the Aegean.

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Nor can one forget that today's crisis was caused largely by the failure of the colonel's regime, which was supported for years by the American administration and by many people in Britain, and which tried, through the National Guard which it controlled, to make a "quick grab" for control of the island. "This government has no responsibility for the crisis," says Mavros. This is true, but it is he and his colleagues who will have to sort out the mess left by their predecessors.

Mr Mavros's aim in today's talks will be to obtain safeguards for his people in Cyprus and a guarantee that they will never be swamped by the Greek majority. Britain will be trying to protect her own interests on the island, her bases which give her some extra influence within Nato. She will also, together with the United States, be doing her best to avert the growing danger of confusion and disruption of the alliance. But for Greece the result of the talks is more important. It will be the difference between national pride and humiliation, between democracy and dictatorship.

Joseph Brodsky, aged 34, is one of Russia's best and best-known young poets. He is a Jew from Leningrad who has become a leading figure in a group that was rather loosely known as "beatnik". In 1964 he was sentenced to five years' forced labour as a "parasite" but was released early following widespread protests. Two years ago he suddenly appeared in the west, having been "advised by the police" to leave Russia. He came unwillingly and has been living in America. He is now on a brief visit to London, where he wrote the following statement in protest against the arrest of one of his best friends:



The negotiators: Mr Mavros, Mr Callaghan and Mr Günes.

Not all that easy. It is not like pushing a button." There are two particular questions I was told by another government source in Athens yesterday, on which the Cyprus issue has delayed decisive action, the monarchy and the punishment of people who committed inhuman crimes under the previous regime. At the moment, with such a danger on the external front, the Government is not willing to deal with any question which might divide the country. Therefore the question of the monarchy has been put on ice until the Cyprus crisis passes. The matter will be solved by a free expression of the Greek people. Exactly the same answer applies to the people who have committed crimes. This matter will be raised too eventually, but only after the external danger has passed. The Government feels that the matter to the final judge must be the Greek people. They will decide how harshly or how leniently they wish to proceed."

This is why the new government, which knows that it enjoys the goodwill of most of world opinion, feels the need for more tangible assistance. "The Cyprus problem is a delaying factor to the process of restoring democracy," says Mavros: "We have to give top priority to the solving of that problem. If order can be restored in Cyprus things will be back to normal soon, but unfortunately the ceasefire has not been implemented. This is a problem of international order, because when resolutions of the Security Council are not respected, then what remains?"

Mr Mavros feels that, given the appalling circumstances under which they took office, the new government has made progress in its two weeks of existence: "There is no oppression today. There are no concentration camps. The military police cannot arrest anybody. We have restored order by bringing back into force the 1952 constitution. We are moving as fast as we can, but after seven years of bitter dictatorship it is

hardly surprising that the Greek side will not be content with British neutrality. It will ask for British support to redress what it considers the injustice of continual Turkish advances, both territorial and political. It will ask certainly for diplomatic support, perhaps for the Greek side. The Greeks of the right as well as the left are already going through a period of fervent anti-Americanism, which will be magnified by the sudden disgrace of President Nixon, under whose suzerainty the colonels ruled Greece for five and a half years. Greece sees the July 30 agreement as a defeat and any further defeat would amount to a national humiliation. The loss of Kyrenia, for instance, would at once be compared with the loss of the former Greek cities like Smyrna and Constantinople, the wounds of which have scarcely healed.

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Who has the wealth Mr Healey wants to redistribute?

Now that the Government's proposals for the new Tax have been announced it seems appropriate to discuss the distribution of wealth. With shares at their lowest values for years, and the economy in its worst state since 1929, there is little point in putting forward elaborate schemes for redistributing non-existent wealth. The data offered by the Institute of Economic Affairs, the right-wing free market research body, for the most part, refer to 1969-70, the last year of Mr Wilson's white heat of technology administration.

Data of the distribution of wealth and income even before the inflationary crisis are astonishingly confused. The wealth figures—that is holdings of assets—are derived mainly from annual duty yields, and the income statistics come from the Inland Revenue. These two sources are highly unsatisfactory because the actual distribution of wealth and income is only partially reflected by them; what the poor owe and earn, for example, has to be inferred as they do not show up. Of course, tax avoidance and evasion is widespread. There are other sources of information that may be used, and scholars like Mr Tony Atkinson of Essex University have done so, to illuminate the vexed matter of how unequally wealth and incomes are distributed.

The common impression used to be that with the advent of Marks and Spencer, which dresses most of us to a uniformly high standard, and of ruinous marginal rates of taxation, we are all ground down to a degree, but that we would be astonished by our grandparents. As against this impression, however, Mr Atkinson and others have shown heavier facts—that there is widespread poverty, and that the ranks of the affluent stand out, the precise shape hidden in legal mists diffused by Chancery lawyers. Despite the "evidence" of casual observation, say, Richmond or Orpington or Benfleet that all is well, the Child Poverty Action Group, and numerous experts, like Mr Atkinson, have now succeeded in creating the widespread impression that society is still very unequal even after tax.

This recent impression is what the Institute of Economic Affairs has set out to dissipate by an incisive analysis of the data that are available. When you think that the Tories have been in office for almost two-thirds of the period since the Second World War, and that they profess to believe in a property-owning democracy, it is astonishing that they do not seem to have thought of collecting the facts upon which a proper study of the question could be based. Indeed, until Sir Claus Moser began juggling up the Central Statistical Office figures on income and wealth were a disgrace. We can expect an improvement in the future. In the meantime what George Polanyi and John Wood have done will be exceedingly useful, at least for debating the issues with some degree of seriousness and relevance.

There are two separate matters. The first concerns the whole idea of income and wealth, which is not an easy matter to define. The second concerns the collection of meaningful data about income and wealth. Excluded from wealth are collective wealth (the railways and roads, the steel industry and so on), though national debt is included in private wealth; the best things in life (said to be free) are excluded from income. Take some practical problems. We are all entitled to a £10 a week state pension (or annuity). This is a valuable asset, omitted from calculations of wealth, although private annuities are included. Or the third of the population living in council houses have security of tenure; that house-room does not count as wealth, but it is certainly worth something. There are more serious, and more technical, problems, but these illustrate the sort of difficulties that are involved.

Be that as it may, and allowing for the fact that old people earn more than young, and that old pensioners have steeper families than mothers of young families, the income differences over a long period of time still largely unexplained. The other is the whole idea of "redistribution" of income implies the initial distribution of income. It is not a matter of taking off at source, as it were, and we are all out of it not gross, we will not talk redistribution in site the we do, but rather redistributing in total consumption of all goods and services in different families.

How Much Inequality? George Polanyi & John Wood. Monograph No. 31. London 1974. 88pp. £30 net. ISBN 285 36058-8.

Vladimir Maramzin: An appeal to both writers and readers

disclose to the reader that there is yet another writer in Russia. To put it in plain language, Russia is that country where the name of a writer appears not on the cover of his book, but on the door of his prison cell.

I am writing this not only because I consider Vladimir Maramzin the most outstanding Russian prose writer of the postwar generation, nor simply because I am privileged to be his friend. I am writing above all because, as will be predicted from his open declaration, which appeared in the July 18 issue of the *New York Review of Books*, he is under pressure for compiling five volumes of my writings and sending them to the West for safe keeping. The author of a foreword to this collection, Mikhail Heifetz, a journalist, has for some time been detained for investigation, under the threat of a seven-year prison term. The writer of a com-

meatory to this introduction, Elim Etkind, a professor at the Herzen Pedagogical Institute and author of numerous studies on the theory of translation, as well as on French poetry, has been expelled from the Writers' Union, fired from his job, and stripped of his academic degrees.

In connexion with these events I would like to say a few words, and they may sound strange. Leningrad, the city where I was born and lived for 32 years, until my expulsion on June 4, 1972, is known to the Soviet Union as "the cradle of the Revolution". As such, it claims a somewhat special status, only nominally subordinating itself to the federal government in Moscow. It is as a separate state, with its own government, its own laws, its own secret police. Like Caesar's wife, the Leningrad branch of the KGB is above suspicion and hardly subject to control. In the course of the

past decade I have had the opportunity to belong a regular object in its varied exercises. As with provincial organs of state anywhere in the world, its agents are indolent and tend to perform their given tasks with the least expenditure of energy. And the task currently given to local organs by the central headquarters in Moscow is the intensification of the ideological and administrative struggle with so-called nonconformists (*inakomyisl'ashchiki*). Thus, in Maramzin's arrest, so as not to burden themselves with the creation of new cases and yet to demonstrate to the Moscow authorities that it is indeed at work, the Leningrad KGB has turned to whipping a dead horse. It is, after all, some two years now that I have been in the United States.

Whatever opinion I might have of my poems, I doubt that even a five volume anthology of them, never intended for publication (and without even a pos-

sibility of publication) could constitute the slightest threat to the Soviet government. I am certain that the KGB agents themselves share this attitude. However, the Soviet government, in contrast to traditional police states, occupies itself not with the suppression of its political opponents but with the spiritual conquest of its 250 million citizens. Thus literature and everything related to it, even posthumously, becomes the main target of the KGB's domestic activity. For more than half a century Russian writers have been killed, exiled, put in prisons or in mental institutions.

In this light what is now happening in Leningrad no longer merely intrigues as a paradox of police action. It instills horror. What is frightening is precisely that he is a writer. In no sense is he a dissident. (The word "dissident" is itself a deluding word, by its etymology as if calling for negative reaction on

the part of the government.) As with every true writer, his primary concern has been use of the language and feeding of his family, rather than dealings with governmental authorities. These he simply ignored. But in Russia this is not easy to do. The government treats its subjects either as enemies or as slaves, and all the more so when they are writers.

I appeal to everyone who holds a pen in his hand to step forth in defence of Vladimir Maramzin. For literature, whether it be Russian, English, French, Italian, German, or any other, is the spiritual property of all, and no-one can be allowed to lay hands on it. Speaking of those who hold a pen, I appeal not only to writers but to readers as well. For the imprisoning of a writer is the same as the burning of a book. **Joseph Brodsky** Poet in Residence, Michigan University

more generally known as the Dowager Viscountess Stonhaven.

Next in the race to support the assertion that the House is a gerontocracy is Lord Salter, the Minister to Churchill's Governments, aged 93. Other notable front-runners, advertised in the *Times* as "wealthy" in life on the red leather benches are: Lord Moran, Churchill's doctor, 91; Lord Shilwell, 90 in October; Lady Spencer-Churchill, 89; Lord Montgomery, 88 in November; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape, 86. An interesting non-starter is Lt-Col the Hon Rupert Barrington, 97 this year, heir to Lord Barrington who is 102.

The oldest Peer on record was Baron Penrhyn, who died in 1967, aged 101 years, 74 days.

Looking back On Tuesday night the West German ambassador hosted a viewing of paintings by Rudolf Korktraks, a German who left the country more than 10 years ago and now lives in England. The painter seemed bemused at the embassy's interest in his work. Among his recent paintings is a series called "No-stal-gia", which is bitterly critical of the German and the relics of Nazism that still live on.

Old peers The House of Lords is about to get its first extant centenarian, which may surprise foreign visitors who suppose that longevity is one of the qualifications. She is the Countess of Kintore, who will be 100 next month and is

events that have already taken place. And I don't think work three will be inhibited by the use of canvas and brown paper.

Members of the embassy have given Korktraks all the help they can. Their contacts in the North meant that his paintings last week went on show in the Teeside International Bistrot.

Try harder Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, has set a precedent by visiting the Tower of London. In a radio interview he gave an end-of-term report on his Cabinet colleagues thus: "For some I would say they would receive less than average marks and others have not yet had the chance to show themselves."

He did not say directly who the sluggards were, but he mentioned those who had done well and from that *Le Monde* deduced that the hawks were Jean Sauvagnargues (foreign affairs), Jacques Soufflet (de-

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The Times Diary

Wrap up warm and hug somebody

the one which can enclose the largest area in the shortest walls. This seems a rather elaborate way of saying we should have square buildings.

I have more sympathy for the Church of England's approach. Their panel on church heating has come up with a recommendation for a "churchgoing kit", consisting simply of warm clothing, saving the expense of producing heat which ends up in the church rafters. I like that idea. Stop messing around with foam. Just wrap up warm and hug somebody.

Old frauds Dr Zhores Medvedev, the Russian geneticist who was deprived of his Soviet citizenship last August, has an article in next month's issue of the American magazine, *Gerontology*, debunking the claims of superlongevity in areas of the Southern United States and Ecuador. Despite the thousands of Soviet citizens claiming to be anything from 120 to 165, and despite the widely publicized discovery of a variety of warm uselsahs in Ecuador, Medvedev agrees with the *Guinness Book of Records*: the longest anyone known to have lived is a mere 113 years.

Medvedev says the trouble is that newspapers make a lot of

Big birds

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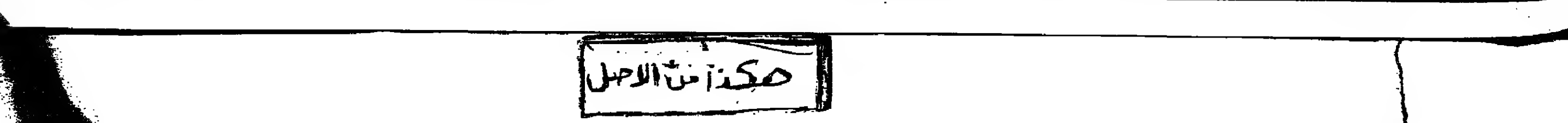
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Doormatching is spreading

The son in yesterday's Play School was called Let's All Twitch To gether.



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A WELCOME INNOVATION

an inflationary world where commercial contract is complete without an escalator clause and no wage settlement is acceptable without a threshold agreement, it is not surprising that the Government has now recognized that savings media could also offer protection against future falls in the value of money. For disillusionment with conventional forms of saving investment has rarely been greater than it is today. Money flowing out of the National Savings movement faster than it comes in. Building societies have been forced to accept Government finance to meet their lending commitments. Rising interest rates have savaged gilts and other fixed-interest securities. Ordinary shares are at their lowest level for over a decade. Inflation, or the fear of it, is at least partly to blame in every case.

The Government's initial response to the problem has been understandably cautious. It has decided to launch two new National Savings schemes indexed to the price level, but seems anxious to ensure that any general move in the direction of indexation takes place only after a good deal of further thought. Thus the first of its schemes involves a five year period available only to those who have reached retirement age. The main concern of the elderly is the protection of income rather than of capital, it seems a somewhat half-hearted answer to the problem and is, in any case, subject to a £500 limit. So many National Savings

instruments, its tax exempt status exposes it to the charge that it will do more for the elderly rich with existing tax liabilities than for the elderly poor.

The second scheme—an index-linked Save As You Earn scheme—should be of more general appeal, though here too the scheme's contractual nature and the £20 limit on monthly contributions suggest that it is not intended to provide aggressive competition for other savings instruments. Yet though the immediate impact of these new schemes may be fairly limited, they must be regarded as the first step towards a radical change in the traditional relationship between borrowers and lenders throughout the economy. Therefore a good deal of hard thought and hard work will be needed if their long-term implications are to be fully appreciated by the time they are formally launched in nine to twelve months' time.

At stake is the most fundamental financial tradition of all, which is that the borrowing of money carries with it the obligation to repay neither more nor less than the sum borrowed, plus interest. It is on this basis that all borrowers—governments, public bodies, private firms and individuals—have operated; though, governments occasionally break the rules by deciding to repay nothing at all. In the past, the basis proved acceptable to lenders as well, especially when market forces were allowed to determine the rates of interest at which the lending takes place.

To "index" indebtedness, thereby making the borrower's repayment commitment an open-ended one, would at first appear to strike at the roots of financial prudence. In fact, it need prove no more disruptive than the present situation where borrowers incur liabilities which are constant in monetary terms and use them to finance assets whose future monetary value may be totally unpredictable. It is an imbalance which can theoretically result in huge windfall profits one year and bankruptcy the next. Intelligently introduced, indexation could benefit borrowers as well as lenders. There is certainly no need to regard it as a desperate admission that hyper-inflation is around the corner.

Some of the practical problems of implementation will admittedly be great. For instance, building societies and banks can scarcely index any of their deposits unless they index a corresponding volume of their advances as well, a decision which might prove politically difficult to implement. Companies may find it hard to index some of their borrowings without risking the wrath of existing creditors whose loans are fixed in monetary terms. But none of these problems should prove insurmountable. All that is needed is the recognition that unpredictable changes in monetary values require a fresh approach to the terms on which money itself moves throughout the economy. Without that fresh approach, the outlook for the healthy development of savings institutions and capital markets will remain clouded.

DR KISSINGER'S METHODS

Mr Nixon's Administration troubles Dr Kissinger emerges on the rubble bruised but not seriously wounded. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has given him the vote of confidence that he demanded at his press conference in Sabzur on June 1, when he said: "I cannot conduct my office if I have to devote my energies to disproving allegations of perjury; nor do I believe that the United States can conduct an effective foreign policy with a Secretary of State who is under such attack." He is right to make the challenge. Now he should be in a much strengthened position to guide American foreign policy through an awkward transitional period. Everyone should be relieved. Dr Kissinger is a great Secretary of State, and his resignation could have been a tragedy. But the episode will have done no harm if it makes him a little more cautious in future, for if he as one weakness which could tarnish his achievements is a tendency to be impatient about accepting limits on the means by which he pursues his ends.

He brought the Vietnam negotiations to an end by means of an exceptionally brutal bombing of North Vietnam and secret bombing of Cambodia. His first meeting with China was an exercise in very secret and deceptive diplomacy. In the Middle East he skirted dangerously near the brink of losing the confidence of one side or the other. In

negotiations with the Soviet Union he has left a trail of speculation about secret deals, so far unsubstantiated.

In these matters his honourable intentions have not been questioned. Diplomacy is bound to be a slippery business sometimes, and most of Dr Kissinger's conjuring shows have earned him justified applause. His success, though not total, has been sufficient to allay criticism. But there is a broader element of doubt creeping into commentaries on his policy, and since it concerns the proper place of moral values in American foreign policy it has some relevance to Watergate.

To anyone with memories of the crusading zeal of some earlier administrations it is a relief to be rid of false postures and empty moralizing. A cooler calculation of the national interest is both more honest and more effective. But Dr Kissinger is in danger of swinging too far. In his preoccupation with the balance of power and strategic alliances he has made it clear that he cares little about the internal policies of allies such as Greece under the colonels, or negotiating partners such as the Soviet Union. Nor has he much patience with the desire of the West Europeans to make the freer flow of people and information a condition of détente with Eastern Europe. His concern is with the agreements among governments, regardless of their complexion.

This sounds very hard-headed and realistic but it is not necessarily so. There is, in fact, nothing like a clear-cut choice between moralism and realism in politics the moment one gets beyond simple military alliances against common enemies, when the only thing that matters is the size and location of an ally's army. In modern conditions it can do very real damage to the United States to be closely identified with some of the nastiest regimes in the world, especially when these regimes are overthrown by people who then turn against the United States. In complex forms of cooperation with the Soviet Union the nature of the regime, its attitude towards human rights, its openness to information, its attitude towards written agreements, can be very relevant. In foreign relations as a whole it matters in less tangible but important ways that people should associate the United States with values such as truth and democracy.

If Watergate is a salutary shock to the American system it also gives Dr Kissinger something to think about in his conduct of foreign policy. He may have an even freer hand now, and long may he flourish; but he may be mindful of the risks he was exposed to in a matter which raises issues similar in principle to those involved in the conduct of foreign policy.

RISKY COMPROMISE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS

South African newspaper proprietors have yielded to permanent pressure and submitted to the humiliation of adopting a code of "self-censorship" which many of their editors said they would not pose on themselves last year. Mr Vorster demanded they return to their homes in order "or else". This retreat has been understandably condemned by many, indeed most, leading editors and journalists, though a number condone it as a regrettable necessity. It can obviously be preserved, and if it does serve, in the interests of the public at a whole, an adequate measure of the press's already rich diminished freedom to report events that have a racial dimension. The proprietors owe to their staff and to the public to clarify this point.

Mr Vorster certainly went far last year towards committing himself to censorship. His attacks on the English-language press are rapturously received at his election meetings. Yet it is possible that the proprietors may have been bluffed. If they do not plain further, many will order if they have. For it is not Mr Vorster's interests to introduce censorship. He has always at the last ounce of political

advantage abroad by using the outspokenness of the English-language press to rebut accusations of racial dictatorship and a police state.

Still less could he wish openly to implement suggestions made by Dr Mulder, his Minister of Information, for a register of journalists that would reduce journalism practically to a state-controlled profession, and ultimately replace the existing cadre of liberal-minded but skilled and circumspect reporters by Government stooges (as has happened to other professions). All such developments, though pleasing to the verkrampste Afrikaner element, would be a dire last resort.

The new code may be a compromise reached behind the scenes. Much will depend on how it works. The editors who argue that for the press to discipline itself against racial "incitement" is a dangerous surrender have a strong point. The courts themselves have found the charge of incitement hard to define or prove. Clearly no substantial newspaper in South Africa conditions would deliberately incite racial conflict. But the Press Council's criterion is apparently not to be intent but effect. This implies that a news-

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paper can be held accountable for subsequent events that have many other causes. The new code may be limited to such cases as where biased reporting of an industrial dispute might be followed at once by rioting. Even this is invidious. If, however, it is meant to apply to accusations arising from the whole worsening racial situation in South Africa as decreed and exacerbated by Government policy, it will become increasingly difficult to report vital day-to-day news, perhaps even Government proceedings and statements.

The press would indeed then be censoring itself to Mr Vorster's liking. The editorial discussion of policy (which he says is free) would become self-censoring in a news vacuum. There is the risk that if self-censorship is applied in any way that goes beyond the normal ethics and the acute sense of self-preservation that distinguishes South African journalism, the Government will infiltrate the system and take over for its own ends the apparatus so conveniently erected. Nothing short of the editorial adulation handed out by the Afrikaner party press is ever likely to reconcile Mr Vorster to the English-language press.

Lake District traffic

There have been signs of a revival of interest on the part of British Rail in recent months, but it could hardly be said that BR is alive to the line's tremendous potential. A few weeks ago, an attempt was made by members of the Ramblers' Association to arrange for a charter train to be run from Hull to Windermere. Despite assurances given to us by the Deputy General Manager of London Midland Region earlier this year, our members were told that their suggestion was not feasible. BR could, however, run a special train to Oxenholme and then arrange for passengers to be taken by bus to Windermere—thus edging

to the heavy traffic that would already be pouring into the park from the M6!

An official working party was recently set up to consider ways of overcoming traffic problems in the Lake District. One can only hope that they approach their task with more imagination than has so far been shown by the operators of public transport facilities in whose bands the solution lies.

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Reinforcing the watchdog role of MPs

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, The most impressive feature of the Watergate investigations is the manner in which America can apply the most detailed and impartial legal scrutiny to the elusive and complex arena of executive decision-making.

Those of us who are interested or involved in questions of efficiency and equity in our economy can perhaps learn something from the techniques of scrutiny and appraisal which America can bring to bear upon public mis-spending and abuse.

Making allowances for all the different weaknesses and strengths in our two systems of government, I believe that Parliament could make more effective use of MPs who are trained lawyers. As Mr Alistair Cook has pointed out, it is a truly formidable and reassuring experience to see a committee of American legislators, consisting exclusively of trained lawyers, pursuing a line of investigation with the minimum of party point-scoring and the maximum of genuine concern to get at the truth. There may be a similar place for an all-party committee of lawyers in our own House of Commons.

I would also like to see the Ombudsman system—both at national and regional level—given a sharper, more professionally oriented direction. As one who has an MP's rank part in the early discussions on the Ombudsman, I have always thought that the Ombudsman should be a lawyer. He must possess independence of mind, professional facility in the marshalling of evidence and assessing its weight, and a determination to pursue the truth whatever the status and authority of the person under interrogation.

For these reasons I believe that lawyers make better ombudsmen

Can democracy survive inflation?

From Mr Edward Hyams

Sir, Either our economic condition is as bad as Conservative economists and most of your correspondents on the subject say it is; or it is not.

If it is then there can surely be no question about what must be done; there's only one tested way to cure inflation—strict rationing of all commodities to reduce consumption to what we can afford and ensure its fair distribution to all.

If it is not as bad as you and most of your correspondents claim, then I suggest that you think again about the wisdom of generating a mood of desperation.

What really must alarm any man or woman of fifty or more, is the cry being raised by the "right" for a "strong leader". We've seen some in our time, sir: Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, Franco and Salazar, for example. Their method of saving capitalism, whether of the classic variety or the state monopolist variety, was to depress the standard of living of the majority by police terrorism.

If Parliamentary democracy is not up to the task of making it clear to the people that the promises of benefits of technological progress have been grossly over-estimated—which I suspect is the case only because they were never controlled by reference to population growth and the claims of primary producers of food and energy sources—then in the name of our traditions and of our self-respect, let us turn left and forwards, not right and backwards; to a democracy wider and more direct, not to a repudiation of it by recourse to a "leader"—the German word is *Führer*.

Yours,
EDWARD HYAMS,
The Old School House,
Brampton, Beccles, Suffolk.

University buildings

From Mr Ian Murray Leslie

Sir, On one aspect only of Professor Douglas's letter on "The Structure of Essex University" (August 3) do I feel competent to comment: the suggestion, if I take her meaning correctly, that the thinking which lies behind some of our new universities is based on a mistaken social theory (of permissiveness), and that this in turn produces "weak" symbols. This latter phrase Professor Douglas defines as "no junior common room, no senior common room, no territorial identity for the teaching department", and thus establishes a link between undergraduate behaviour and the design and architecture of a university's buildings.

I have not seen the Essex building, but I recall discussing six years ago in Vancouver the possible link between the concept and architecture of the then new Simon Fraser University and the very serious riots in which some of its students had been involved. I asked whether responsibility should not largely rest with the decision to place a university on a mountainside some miles from the city centre with few facilities for recreation or for the fostering of those individual cultural and social interests which are a vital part of the older universities, and where the major student and college buildings were replaced by a single concrete concourse capable of accommodating 3,500 students who must be at

tributions to your columns and the utterances of the spokesmen of the political parties.

Anybody who read Peter Jay's bleak but brilliantly lucid exposition of our economic dilemma a few weeks ago cannot but have been appalled by the superficiality of Mr Healey's mini-budget and the Opposition's response to it. If the motto of the last election was "Who rules?", that of the coming one might well be "Who cares?"

But if one's first reaction is to scold the politicians of cynicism and irresponsibility, my experience is trying to pick a living among the wreckage of the most efficient livestock industry in the world suggests to me that we must seriously question whether there might have been much of what is going on. It is hard to take seriously a Government which tinkers with consumer subsidies while a great industry is gasping like a landed fish.

We have had plenty of warnings in your columns that "economic disaster" may be coming. Since nobody—politicians, managers or workers—is seemingly doing anything constructive to prevent it, I am sure that the day is not far off when it is indeed coming. But what, in terms of our individual lives, jobs and incomes, does "economic disaster" actually mean? Few of us have the remotest idea. Is it not, Sir, your duty now to spell this out for us and give us some practical advice on how to prepare ourselves to meet it?

At what stage do we dig up the delphiniums and plant the perpetual spinach? At what stage do we let the lawn grow and buy a couple of umbrellas? Most prudent readers will no doubt by now have constructed of their moats well advanced but it is not too late for some advice on drawbridges.

Finally, can you offer us any reassurance on Lord Chalfont's warning (August 5) that the Army might have to take over? To a former naval man that is the grillest prospect of all.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL WATKINS,
Prestures Farm,
Sotherton,
Halesworth, Suffolk.

Release from Broadmoor

From Mr Evelyn King, Conservative MP for Dorset South.

Sir, There is now a lengthy list of criminals prematurely released from Broadmoor.

It is but three months since I was questioning the Home Secretary about my constituent, Terence Illife, who following the deaths of his first wife from cancer, and his second wife from alleged suicide, attempted to kill the third by logging her in the boot of a motor car and driving it over a quay, was sent to Broadmoor whence, despite that record, he was prematurely released, whereupon within weeks he murdered a fourth wife and put her to a refrigerator.

In the past ten years ten persons have lost their lives on average as a result of the hands of killers released from Broadmoor. Within Broadmoor in four years to 1972 there were 11 suicides and 50 attempts; in the past 18 months one inmate has killed another, innumerable assaults and some arson.

In such a situation sympathy goes of course to the general public victims of mortal or grievous injury goes also to psychiatrists, psychotherapists and indeed all staff. The bideous difficulty of the decisions they must take is understood.

At the Home Office itself is record as well as recommendation sufficiently studied? Are there 300 patients? Is it a fact that a patient receives psychiatric treatment on average 10 minutes once every year? Is the system working or does it approach breakdown?

Do those who speak in Courts, a little glibly, of "psychiatric treatment" think it really happens? Or do they understand that it is not its success or failure rate that is in question but that it is, in any meaningful sense, being used at all? In this context Lord Butler's interim report is not immediately helpful.

In a humane society the present situation is not tolerable, either by the public, by the staff or by the patient. It cries aloud for urgent examination. Is it not time for Home Secretaries to note the scale of error and to reconsider the advice they are receiving?

Yours truly,
EVELYN KING,
House of Commons.

Britain and the EEC

From Professor J. H. Burn, FRSE

Sir, It is indeed strange that anyone suggests that entry into the Common Market should be decided by a referendum. History is a good guide when the circumstances of the Act of Union in 1707 between England and Scotland are considered.

G. M. Trevelyan in his History of England points out that in Scotland "Trade and industry were still on a very small scale", and that "Glasgow had as yet no shioone of its own. The Act opened England's home market to those markets to Scottish industry and agriculture, and made the Scots participants in England's trade privileges all the world over."

But the Union involved the absorption of Scotland's Parliament and Privy Council into those of England. It was a bitter sacrifice of Scotland's pride, but it was the necessary price for her material and economic expansion.

Now if the Union had been decided at that time by referendum, can anyone doubt that the Scots would have refused to join?

Television and crime

From Mr Denis Forman

Sir, The incidence of violent crime in the United Kingdom may be attributed to a number of causes, including the effect of World War II, the rise of crime rates in the late thirties and early forties, the increase in the number of broken homes, the extra year (now two years) added to the school leaving age coupled with the shortage of work for school leavers, the problem of integrating immigrant communities into the life of our large cities, the persistence of sub-standard living and social conditions, and others.

Violence in Britain, however, is not an isolated phenomenon. It must be seen against a background of violence in other parts of the world, including the United States, Africa, Latin America, Northern Ireland and in the semi-military war zones of Vietnam and the Middle East. Amongst the most horrifying of recent developments have been murder by bomb and the threat of death to airline passengers and others by hijackers and extremists.

All of this is reflected by television, along with the other media. Whether or not any part of this violence is stimulated by a small number of television programmes which include violent action is a matter for concern and continuing study. Most of us who work in television would accept the phrase coined by Mr Holbrook (letter, August 3) that there is a "modest connection" between screen violence and violence in society. But the interaction between television and society is two-way, subtle, complex and cannot be reduced to black and white arguments supported by the simplistic use of statistics.

It was certainly not the purpose

Schoolgirl language

From the Reverend R. W. D. Fenn

Sir, I fear your correspondent, Mr H. P. Weston (August 2), is not for a surprise when he arrives at his new comprehensive school. I have taught for several years in a mixed comprehensive and the girls are not only as well versed in Anglo-Saxon epithets as the boys, but also show a complete disregard for the sensitivities of the adults who may hear them, whereas on my recent visit to Mr Weston's former school, Cranleigh, where I spent some time with the boys and walked about the school unheeded, I noticed that they did at least show some discretion in the timing of their epithets; the girls at my school don't.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. D. FENN,
Glascwm Vicarage,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

Statutory lie

From the Revd Mark Ruston

Sir, What Mr Constable has discovered about Kirklees Council (August 3) has been common practice among solicitors, of all people, for a long time.

As incumbent I receive the

Rubbish overboard

From Mr N. C. Brenton

Sir, On a recent trip across the Channel in the British Rail Sealink vessel, The Maid of Orleans, I had occasion to be sitting up on the deck eating lunch, due to the fact that it was overcrowded downstairs and I could find nowhere to sit. As I sat there, I watched with fascination as two of the crew emerged from below carrying between them a rubbish bag full of rubbish from the buffet, walked past the giant rubbish containers standing on the deck, and calmly tipped the contents over the side of the boat.

What price "pollution-free" transport now?

Yours faithfully,
N. BRENTON,
Little Winhurst,
95 Seafrost,
Hayling Island, Hampshire.

Tastes of a squirrel

From Mr Peter Ury

Sir, *Russula odusta* is an edible mushroom, as any European from the Baltic to the Vienne Woods will confirm, and until Englishmen stop calling this excellent delicacy a mere madstool, the squirrels in Sir Eric de Normann's garden (letter, August 3) should make the most of the deal he has offered them.

Yours sincerely,
PETER URY,
16 Daleham Gardens, NW3.

Legacies which grateful Christian folk make to their parish church.

I therefore speak from some experience in this; but always ready to add to it. The executors' solicitors invariably demand a receipt, upon receipt of which they allege that they will make payment.

Disliking this, I now reply with suitable gratitude and eed, rather formally, to Mr R. Ruston, Clerk, Master of Arts, do hereby undertake to send a receipt immediately upon receiving. . . . It seems a long way round, but it works.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MARK RUSTON,
Vicar of the Round Church and Rural Dean of Cambridge,
37 Jesus Lane, Cambridge.

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British Leyland seeks speed-up of scheme to cut its work force

By Clifford Webb
British Leyland is expected to offer early retirement or voluntary redundancy to workers throughout the group within the next week or so in an attempt to speed the reduction of its 175,000-strong labour force...

Wales TUC attacks steel closure policy

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff
Criticism was made yesterday of the British Steel Corporation's programme of closing outdated steelworks, which is expected to create up to 18,000 redundancies in Wales alone...

Engineers' union preparing huge pay package for early next year

By R. W. Shakespeare
Leaders of 2,500,000 engineering workers who meet in York today will prepare for their next industry-wide claims on pay and conditions. This is likely to be the biggest package of demands ever tabled with the Engineering Employers' Federation...

Delay over American Trade Reform Bill threatens Gatt dates

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 7
Prospects of the United States Trade Reform Bill getting through Congress in the near future are now extremely remote. It is most likely that the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) will have to rearrange completely the plans it has made for a new round of trade liberalization talks next year...

Hill Samuel in US plea over Herstatt

By David Blake
Hill Samuel and the First National City Bank of New York have filed a joint petition in a New York federal district court asking for a declaration that I. D. Herstatt of Cologne is bankrupt under United States laws...

Retail case for easing curbs ready

By Patricia Tisdall
At an exhaustive meeting in London yesterday, the Retail Consortium finalized its arguments for changes to government controls on prices and profits...

Alcan (UK) deliveries hit by Canadian cuts

By Edward Townsend
Alcan (UK), one of the country's biggest aluminium suppliers, last night declared force majeure on its supply commitments in the United Kingdom, Eire and Scandinavia because of a cut in aluminium deliveries from Canada...

Union leader angered by Benn 'snub'

By Our Northern Industrial Correspondent
Mr Dan McGarvey, president of the Boilermakers' Union and chairman of the Shipbuilding and Shiprepairing and Engineering Firms which are the result of a complexity of piecemeal, hooch schemes and other payment systems...

Oil chief stresses vital role of shale deposits

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Aug 7
With the Federal Energy Authority hoping to finalize Project Independence by November, shale oil's position in the play of energy sources of the most controversial issues...

More Honda plants abroad

Tokyo, Aug 7.—Honda, the Japanese motor-cycle manufacturer, plans to set up assembly plants in 25 more countries, the company announced today...

Government and builders to set up joint committee

By Malcolm Brown
Whichall and the building industry are to set up a joint committee to examine the problems of private housing building...

BP gets \$350m loan for Alaska pipeline

British Petroleum has arranged a \$350m (£145m) loan from a syndicate of 30 American banks led by Morgan Guaranty Trust to finance its share of the trans-Alaskan pipeline...

Three directors of Corporate Guarantee resign

Three non-executive directors of Corporate Guarantee Trust, a member of the consortium involved in a bid to acquire Ashbourne Investments, have resigned after the consortium's refusal to implement a Takeover Panel directive...

Fresh Nixon resignation rumours boost Wall St

New York, Aug 7.—Share prices leapt ahead again today, making one of the largest gains in months, on speculation that President Nixon will resign...

TERMS OF TRADE

Table with columns: Year, Exports, Imports, Terms of Trade. Data for 1971-1973.

BRITISH TAR PRODUCTS LIMITED
Years ended 31st March 1972 1973 1974
Profits before Tax 160,371 226,703 757,589
Earnings per share 1.74p 2.44p 5.28p
Gross Dividends per share 9p 9.5p 1.00p

Gulf States Co sues over gas contract
Beaumont, Texas, Aug 7.—Gulf States Utilities Co has filed a multi-million dollar damage suit in Louisiana District Court against United Gas Pipeline Co...

How the markets moved
Rises: Barlow Rand 10p to 180p, Cons Tin 10p to 162p, Campari 2p to 30p...
Falls: Broken Hill 25p to 48p, Brown Shipley 10p to 18p...
THE POUND: Australia \$ 1.665 1.62, Austria Sch 44.50 42.50...

CELESTION INDUSTRIES LIMITED
Mr. D. D. Prenz (Chairman) reports on the year ended 31st March, 1974.
* TURNOVER INCREASE: From £5,424,000 to £6,233,500.
* PRE-TAX PROFIT INCREASE: From £480,349 to £532,560.
* DIVIDEND INCREASE: From 9.45% to 9.9225% (Gross).
* FINANCIAL STRENGTH: Shareholders' funds have increased by more than £1 million over the last 5 years.

Machine tool makers plan big export drive

By Edward Townsend

Britain's machine tool makers, enjoying a 64 per cent boom in export orders, are planning a big attack on world markets next year.

The Machine Tool Trades Association said yesterday that its record promotional plans for 1975 included inward missions to buyers from countries such as Spain, France, the United States, Indonesia, Japan and Italy, and outward market appraisal missions to Poland, Romania and Brazil.

British companies will be participating in exhibitions in Los Angeles, Shanghai, Detroit, Christchurch and Johannesburg.

The MTTA also has great hopes for the first Euro-World exhibition in Paris next June which has already attracted more than 65 British machine tool companies representing 70 per cent of the industry's turnover.

The MTTA said that the value of the United Kingdom industry's orders on hand was £210m including £61m of export orders as at the end of last year.

Faced with continuing uncertainty on the home market, next year's plans indicate that manufacturers are determined to maintain the present high level of foreign orders.

Mr Howard Barrett, the MTTA chief executive, referring to the encouraging results of sales promotions said that participation in missions and exhibitions in Japan to the last two years had boosted sales of United Kingdom companies from £269,000 in the first four months of 1973 to £1,036,000 in the same period of this year.

Increased export markets should help the industry to overcome the effects of the cyclical nature of the domestic machine tool business, an aspect being studied by the industry's Little Neddly which is to publish its findings soon.

Restructuring scheme may repair professional engineers' rift

By Derek Harris

The gentlemanly battle between two factions of Britain's 500,000 professional engineers—on one hand the chartered, federated under the Council of Engineering Institutions, and on the other the non-chartered—has taken a new turn last night.

The three most senior chartered bodies, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers, put out a discussion paper that aims at a restructuring of more than 40 organizations representing professional engineers, both chartered and unchartered.

It also highlights what they describe as the CEI's "slow progress with setting up common standards of qualification. The paper adds: "The CEI has been far less successful in representing the profession to Government and the public, and it shows little sign at present of being able to overcome the factors which have inhibited its success in this area, although this is one of the most important functions for which the CEI was created."

This follows the battle between the CEI and some of the

non-chartered organizations which came to a head with the CEI's organizing of an Engineers' Registration Board to oversee the setting up of engineers' rights to practise in the EEC.

The CEI particularly came under fire from the non-chartered Society of Engineers because the society feared a closed shop favouring chartered engineers.

Now the three senior institutions, the oldest of which was set up in 1818 and who together represent 60 per cent of Britain's 180,000 chartered engineers, suggest in the discussion paper that the CEI be replaced with a "single voice" organization to be named the Institution of Engineers.

It stands some chance of being the battle among the engineers, especially with a proposal that members of non-chartered societies could under the new system become chartered engineers, given they had the appropriate grade of qualifications.

The idea behind the new institution is that it would look after all professional matters involving organization, individual conduct, representation and control, and particularly setting of standards of qualifications.

Member bodies of the Institution, primarily the chartered institutions in CEI but with the addition of other non-chartered organizations, would then concern themselves mainly with advancement of knowledge in their speciality, for which money would be channelled via the new institution.

It is a hopeful sign that it is the three senior institutions who have suggested this, because it involves their ceding long cherished powers to the new central body.

A CEI spokesman said last night: "We welcome the initiative as a stimulus to discussion and as a means of channelling it in a useful way."

Mr Kenneth Platt, secretary of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, commented: "We are suggesting this is a possible solution to the long-standing problem of the profession as a whole speaks with a single voice."

Mr Leonard Griffith, secretary of the Society of Engineers, said: "Naturally, one would want to be sure that we are not just getting the CEI under another label."

Chemicals output figures show 4 pc rise

By Peter Hill

Britain's chemical industry achieved a 4 per cent increase in output between the final quarter of last year and the first three months of this year when the three-day week was in operation.

This is revealed by Government figures published today. Over the period there were sharp increases in the output of general chemicals and pharmaceuticals although sales of synthetic resins and dyestuffs fell.

According to the weekly Government Journal, *Trade and Industry*, the statistics may have been underestimated since some of the sales recorded may have been supplied from stocks, while the figures may also have been influenced by price controls.

But the journal stated: "Even allowing for the possibility of these factors, however, it is clear that the chemicals industry coped well with the difficulties posed by the recent emergency and that output remained at a high level."

The industry has been particularly critical of the activities of the Price Commission in holding down prices at well below prevailing world levels and the journal said that between 1972 and last year, the home market price index rose by 4.6 per cent compared to a rise for manufacturers of 7.3 per cent.

With the pressure of higher oil prices, the price of chemicals rose by 9.7 per cent between the last quarter of 1973 and the first three months of this year, while the price index for organic chemicals increased by almost 35 per cent.

Correct interpretation of CBI viewpoints

From Mr W. B. Whitworth

Sir, There could be another interpretation of the "Industrial Gloom" so widely publicised in the press on August 2. I verified that same day with the CBI Press Office that the newspapers had correctly represented the CBI's official view.

Shocked by the negative leadership of such publicity, I prepared answers to the CBI questionnaire in respect of my own company, in order to discuss the matter at a "management information meeting" which we held monthly and which fell due on August 2.

Having reviewed our group situation after six months, we studied in some detail our own affairs, noting especially the "gloomy" downturn in demand in one area and also the buoyant cost reduction programme we have in hand.

At the end of our meeting I turned to the public view of industry and compared my answers to the CBI with the deep black headlines. My first and crucial answers were: "Yes, I am less optimistic than I was in April, 1974."

There were 25 of us at the meeting, and we were unanimous that such an answer did not mean we were in any way

dismayed. It meant simply that in April we were astonished that the three-day week and the winter crisis had been far less painful than we had expected in January, when the earlier CBI picture had been taken.

We are now taking in every possible reef for the storm ahead, and we do it more efficiently for recognizing the probable advent of trouble. But when we are seamanlike precautions "gloom"?

We remain convinced that our only possible course is to face the future confidently, secure in the knowledge that our management skills may not work miracles but are as good as most firms of our size and better than many.

What industry needs is certainly not "clobbering", but also some recognition of what it has achieved against the odds and, therefore, what it can still do.

The "English Disease" has truly another manifestation—a suicidal pessimism.

Yours faithfully,
W. B. WHITWORTH,
Director and General Manager,
Cork Manufacturing Company
Langite Works,
Hall Lane,
South Chingford,
London, E4.

Ultramar in \$4.5m Iran deal

Tehran, Aug 7.—National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) signed a \$4.5m (£1.9m) service contract with Ultramar Oil of the United States for oil exploration and exploitation of 7,810 square kilometres in the province of Fars.

The companies will set up a third, independent company—Ultramar-Iran Oil—for five years of exploration on which Ultramar is to spend at least \$14m.

On the discovery of oil, NIOC will take over production, selling 50 per cent of the output to Ultramar at a 4.5 per cent discount on prevailing market prices.

This is the fourth of six contracts NIOC is signing with foreign companies. Similar deals have been reached with CFP of France and Deminex of West Germany, which has two contracts.

Gas price talks: The Soviet Union has been criticised for allegations of exploiting a developing nation, is expected to yield to Iran's demands to pay more for natural gas (the New York Times News Service reports from Moscow).

But the negotiations, which opened yesterday to Iran, are certain to be hampered by the cumbersome Soviet fiscal apparatus, which budgets every expenditure exactly and long in advance. Iran wants the price raised from 30.7 cents to 61.93 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

Italy arranges loan of £250m from IMF

Washington, Aug 7.—Italy has completed arrangements to settle the whole of its remaining debt to the Belgian National Bank for lira support given under the 1972-73 agreement, floated in February last year.

According to the sources the transaction showed on the National Bank's latest weekly balance-sheet a rise to 25,847m francs from 22,337m francs in the bank's IMF holding.

The balance-sheet also showed a fall of 2,609m francs in foreign currency holdings, a 2,894m franc rise in the bank's credit position with the European Monetary Cooperation Fund and a small rise in its holdings of special drawing rights.

AP-Dow Jones and Reuter.

S Korea frees £204m in move to boost economy

Seoul, August 7.—The South Korean Government will gradually release 50,000m won (£104m) in expenditures, froze under a Presidential emergency economic decree of January 14, according to Mr Han Woon-Soo, the economics planning minister.

Mr Tae told a news conference that the measure is part of government efforts to boost economic activities for the latter half of the year.

President Park Chung-Hee said in January that the decree was to tide over Korea's economic difficulties through the "current global economic crisis" in part caused by the shortage of raw materials.

Despite an expected setback in industrial production in the second half, the nation is expected to attain easily its export goal of \$4,500m. Mr Tae said the nation's economy is certain to attain an annual growth rate of 8 per cent this year as originally planned, he predicted, but prospects are dim for stabilizing commodity prices.

AP-Dow Jones.

Australia eases foreign investment curbs

Canberra, August 7.—The Australian Government, faced with sharply declining capital inflow, eased some monetary restrictions on foreign investment today.

Mr Frank Crean, Federal Treasurer, said the variable deposit requirement relating to overseas borrowing was being reduced to 5 per cent from 25 per cent.

The reduction will affect loan agreements or drawings under stand-bys that receive exchange control approval after tomorrow.

The Labour Government had required 25 per cent of Foreign borrowings with a maturity of more than two years to be lodged with the reserve bank at no interest. The rate was reduced from 33 1/2 per cent last month.

Mr Crean said the 25 per cent requirement had the effect of increasing the cost of overseas borrowing by one third.

Saint in Inquisition clothing

From Mr S. C. Selwyn

Sir, I am far from being among the many admirers of the Inland Revenue service. On the contrary, I regard it as having much in common with the Spanish Inquisition where, as is well known, acts of high tyranny were often performed by grave-diggers and men of great probity and undoubted purity of intention.

Nevertheless, am I right in assuming that a very efficient operation is being quietly carried out in connexion with the repayment of Post-War C.D.s?

As the War Department was my only employer during the relevant period, my own claim may have been comparatively simple, except for a total loss of documents on my part. My wife's documentation was, naturally, more difficult to complete, and her war-work took her to many places in many parts of the kingdom.

After a positively scholarly display of knowledge of these various addresses of over 30 years ago her claim was also settled with promptitude.

Having said this, I must add that I still have not begun to get over my surprise that the Post-War Credits have actually been disgorged by the Inland Revenue and not merely set against the various sums, which, in my experience, it constantly, and often distressingly accurately, considers to be its due.

To which public benefactor do we owe this unusual, perhaps unique, generosity? Clearly he was a man with a rare power of controlling zealotry, vastly exceeding that of the often humanitarian Spanish kings. Winston Churchill?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SELWYN,
Royal Spithead Hotel,
Bembridge,
Isle of Wight,
July 30.

Generosity of PO directory handouts

From Mrs Geraldine Dymond

Sir, Telephone charges are being increased again. Today, Post Office workers, dressed in Post Office uniform, with the corridors of this large office building situated in the City of London, direct us with any abandoned copy of the North-West Coast of phone directories.

Such was his largesse, in each firm in the building was not restricted to one copy. A firm was the unhappy recipient of four (and it would have been five, had I not firmly rejected mine). The copies were left in me, not because that firm happened to be occupied by two persons.

Sir, it cannot be the first time you have asked: a I mad, or is everybody else? Yours faithfully,
GERALDINE DYMOND,
Temple Chambers,
Temple Avenue,
London, E.C.4.

Failure to end dividend controls

From Mr J. P. K. Tillett

Sir, One of the most disappointing features of the recent mini-budget, which has not received the adverse comment I deserve, was the failure to remove dividend controls completely, rather than just relax the rules a little.

The justification in economic terms for controlling dividends is always difficult to defend. Dividends are a distribution of profits, not a cost and hence cannot be said to be a contributory factor to inflation. Most dividend control is saved and hence the contribution of dividend payments to demand inflation is negligible.

It may have been possible to justify dividend control in political terms while wage controls were in operation (in that to control one form of income and not another would understandably have been felt to be unfair) but now that wage constraints have been abandoned, any form of dividend restraint becomes wholly unjustified.

Government spokesmen have let it be known that one of their objectives is to improve business and investor confidence. But there can be few more effective ways of undermining confidence than the maintenance of controls which are, and which are seen to be, unnecessary and oppressive.

They serve only to accentuate the impression (which some elements in the Labour Party have lately sought to dispel) that ministers are intent on peevishly re-entrenching their own dogmatic ends.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. K. TILLETT,
56 Spring Grove,
Loughton,
Essex.

Kalle Infotec launches fast copy transmitter

By Kenneth Owen

A new type of facsimile transmission device which operates six times faster than previously available models has been launched by Kalle Infotec, the Hoechst subsidiary.

Announcing this yesterday, Mr Norman Mischler, chairman of Kalle Infotec, said that orders for the new machines had been received from Lloyds Bank International, from N. M. Rothschild and Sons.

Known as the Infotec 6000, the new device can transmit a page of written information from one point to another using a telephone connexion in about 40 seconds. Previously, the process took about four minutes.

Developed in the United States, the Infotec 6000 is being made in Japan by Ricoh and is being marketed in Europe by Kalle Infotec.

Mr Mischler said that, by 1977, the company planned to capture at least 10 per cent of the United Kingdom market for plain-paper copiers; 25 per cent of the word-processed market; and 33 per cent of the facsimile transmitter/receiver market. This amounted to an estimated £20m turnover in 1977.

Whiling away the leisure hours

With holidays around it seems appropriate to look at a handful of recent films with pastime associations. They cover a range from fishing and rugby football, through motor and cooking, to gardening. The subjects of industrial films are even more varied than their sponsors.

From Suttons Seeds we have *The Seedsmen* (CTV Workshop, 29 minutes). This is an engaging study of a business that has been growing since 1808. The narrator, an anonymous director of the company, tells a remarkable story in an attractively relaxed tone of voice.

The production of seeds is a slow, patient business. It is big business, too: Suttons use land in Italy, California and New Zealand for climate and isolation—as well as here in Britain, and their catalogue mailing is a big exercise.

Much less predictably, *This is Mini Rugby* (Ray Williams, 23 minutes) was sponsored by Barclays Bank, for the Welsh

Israel facing £18m loss over bank collapse

Jerusalem, Aug 7.—The Bank of Israel might lose up to £18m (almost \$18m) on the collapse of the Israel-Bank Bank, parliament's finance committee was told today.

Mr Moshe Zanbar, director of the Bank of Israel, told the committee that losses would depend on how well it could liquidate the loan collaterals it received from the defunct bank. Radio Israel reported.

A Canadian group and a West European consortium were rumoured to be negotiating to buy the bank. Mr Zanbar was said to have told the committee that an obstacle to outside investors was the bank's claim that it could not make good any loans to companies connected with its principal owners, the Ben-Zion family, who are British.

A Tel Aviv court yesterday extended the detention of Mr Yehoshua Ben-Tsio, the bank's former manager, for another nine days.

Justified outcry over house holders' rates

From Mr D. K. Rollit

Sir, I think the point should be made that the current and, in my opinion, fully justified outcry over rates is about rates paid by householders; further, that it is not so much the increases in rateable values between April 1, 1973, to which objectors are objecting, as the increases in rate poundages.

These reflect the inflationary spiral of costs and the additional costs brought about by the reorganization of local government, both of which have particularly affected the rate poundages for 1974-75.

The Government has acknowledged that householders have a case and the mini-Budget promised easement of domestic rates for this year.

As chairman of The Machinery Users' Association, which has a long history in the field of rating generally and first-hand experience of dealing with the rating problems and assessments of members, both large and small, make a case for manufacture, trade and commerce.

Rates on my members' properties are a direct cost, entering into the price of a product or service. Non-domestic properties are charged at the full rate poundage, whereas the domestic ratepayer does have the benefit of a lower rate poundage through the domestic element of the rate support grant. For 1974-75 this amounts to 13p in the £.

As I have already stated, the additional relief just announced by the Chancellor refers to domestic properties only. Admittedly, rates can be charged against profits, when they are made, but this allowance goes only part way towards meeting the burden.

The amounts contributed by industrial and commercial ratepayers towards the cost of the services provided by local government are substantial. Our sources estimate that the total of rates collected for 1973-74 was £2,614m.

Just over 38 per cent of the present rateable values relate to industrial and commercial properties, so that broadly over one third of this large amount came from these sources. Industry and commerce are presently subjected to the same pressures as are domestic ratepayers, and rates seen in relation to profit margins can be a very significant item.

Moreover, not only commercial properties but also factories which are empty for

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Gold money

From Mr A. Alan Tabushi

Sir, Appropriate to the letter from Mr A. F. Brazier and other (July 20), I can recall that I Sweden some twelve years ago there existed a system where companies could invest their lean years in productive capacity against the day when the economy could again be expected to boom.

I believe it was based not only on tax exemption of profits thus reinvested, but also on funds being made available to industry for that specific purpose.

If this system was effective perhaps it should be considered in the context of the present economic situation in the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
A. ALAN TABUSHI,
British Oxygen Company,
London, W6.

Anglo-International Investment Trust Ltd.

Interim Statement

Revenue for Half-Year

Revenue after expenses but before tax for the six months ended 30th June, 1974, amounted to £128,074 against £99,465 for the same period of 1973 and taxation for the half year was £48,859 against £37,947.

Interim Dividend

An interim dividend of 0.7p cash, equivalent to 1.044776p including tax credit, will be paid on 13th September, 1974, to dividend shareholders on the Register on 16th August. (Last year 0.7p share equivalent to 1p including tax credit).

Asset Values

On 30th June, 1974, net assets were £3,260,000 equivalent to 88p per Asset Share (one year ago 176p) taking quoted investments at market value. Unquoted investments include 10,000 ordinary shares of London and Scottish Marine Oil Ltd. valued at cost of £1 each.

All figures are unaudited.

HUMPHRIES HOLDINGS LIMITED

Results for the year ended 31st March, 1974

	1974	1973
	£	£
Group Profit before taxation	126,338	63,744
Taxation	87,869	74,101
Group Profit/(Loss) after taxation	38,469	(10,357)
Minority Interests	18,631	15,496
Profit/(Loss) attributable	19,838	(25,853)

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th August in London, Mr W. M. Dravers, the Chairman, presiding. The following are extracts from his circulated review.

My review last year ended on a note of restrained optimism. My restraint was warranted by the disappointing results of two subsidiaries. De Lane Lea Limited and Mole Richardson (Stage & Studio Engineering) Limited, which offer the improved performance of nearly all the rest.

The Group's pre-tax profit was £126,338. The profit attributable was £19,838 against a loss last year of £23,853. The disproportionate charge for taxation was due to provisions made in the accounts of overseas subsidiaries which made profits, no compensating relief being available on losses made by other overseas subsidiaries.

Early in 1974 steps were taken to put into liquidation a subsidiary in Greece and negotiations have been taking place for the disposal of a 65% interest in our Italian company which too has been a loss-maker for some time. Discussions are taking place with interested parties for the possible disposal, in whole or in part, of De Lane Lea Limited.

Outlook:

The present year will be one of considerable challenge. The year started badly, with economic difficulties associated with the three-day week. The results for the first six months of the current year will be down on last year's and a confident prediction of the outcome for the year is unusually hazardous because of rising costs, shortages of materials and the Government's counter-inflationary measures.

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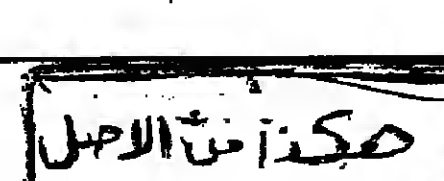
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Some comfort in GA's underwriting trend



Mr. A. Gourvitch, chairman of Phoenix Timber's slump in home demand.

Some other companies on the periphery of North Sea exploration, but there remains an element of risk in a p/e ratio and yield of 7.7 and 7.1 per cent respectively with the shares at 111p.

At present the group has an interest in 15 licensed blocks in the North Sea through its membership of two consortia headed by Ranger Oil and Total Oil Marine. It has had a notable find in the Ninian Field through a 3.75 per cent interest in block 3/8 at a cost of its other interests are reckoned to have good prospects.

What cannot be ignored, however, is that Cavood's share of the development costs for the Ninian Field area estimated at £5m excluding interest charges, a sizable sum in relation to the equity base. Financing arrangements are under consideration. Until it is clear how much of the equity the group can hope to retain in the ultimate income, the rating is inevitably taking something on trust.

That does not mean, of course, that the shares cannot look forward to further excitement if there are more successes in exploration. In the meantime the group is no longer so dependent on its traditional fuel distribution business which accounted for only 48.5 per cent of profits last year, and in the current year first quarter profits are ahead of the comparable period. As North Sea investments go this ranks as one of the more respectable counters.

Accounts: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £12.2m Net assets £8.33m (£7.68m) Net cash £0.59m (£0.63m)* Pre-tax profit £3.41m (£3.01m) Earnings per share 14.4p (15.8p)* net borrowings

Phoenix Timber Stock losses looming

The £331,000 which Phoenix Timber has written off stocks or provided against forward purchase contracts tells all as far as the changed picture in timber importation is concerned. The stock profits that importers enjoyed in 1973 have given way in the almost certain prospect of stock losses in 1974.

While shippers' prices are still reflecting the record levels reached last year, domestic demand for softwoods from the construction industry and for hardwoods in furniture have slumped. Demand for composite sheet materials is hardly what it was - either.

Phoenix buys most of its timber at the end of March but the 1973/74 stock loss provision was made only one month ago and in that sense is at least realistic in the light of prevailing selling prices. Where prices go from here is anyone's guess, however.

Although timber shares never fully reflected the stock profit boom, they have still fallen fairly sharply of late. Thus the historic p/e ratio of just under 21 for Phoenix at 70p is not untypical of the sector. The Phoenix yield of 6.7 per cent is hardly exciting but there was a net asset value of 158p a share at the previous year-end and there is the possibility that the Austin-Hall Group, which took over the Jessel stake in Phoenix and now has 25.4 per cent of the equity, may be tempted to go for a bid.

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73)* Capitalization £2m Sales £30.9m (£14.3m) Pre-tax profits £2.25m (£1.11m) Earnings per share 32.3p (22.4p) Dividend gross 4.68p (3.35p)* nine months

Cawoods Holdings

Waiting for the financing details Cawoods Holdings can boast a rather more solid record than

Corah Rationalization works through

An unusually lengthy and optimistic interim report from Corah must please its fans. Pre-tax profits are up by 43 per cent, and the group does not appear to be in the slightest perturbed about growth prospects for the rest of the year, which must make it the odd man out in the textile sector at the moment.

A good half of the interim improvement, though, must have come from rationalization, given a rise in turnover of just 7.1 per cent for the period. And it would be interesting to know how other groups accounted for extra costs incurred during the three-day week, which Corah estimates at £212,000 and has included as an exceptional item. Corah has been forecasting a levelling out of profitability between the two halves of the year for quite some time now. What that appears to mean, in context of buoyant order books, is that pre-tax profits in the second half will top last year's £1.4m, but by a smaller margin than the interim improvement.

So market estimates are of £2.4m pre-tax for the year, an increase of around a fifth, suggesting a prospective p/e ratio of just over 6 for the shares at 33p, up 11p yesterday. Additionally, the group's new manufacturing capacity in Canada, designed to back up Marks & Spencer's operations there, can be expected to go into profit in 1975. The shares look interesting at current levels.

Interim: Corah 1974 (1973) Capitalization £7m Sales £11.1m (£10.3m) Pre-tax profits £0.847m (£0.593m) Dividend gross 1.4p (1.25p)

Tim Congdon examines one form of inflation proofing The unresolved questions which surround indexation

Indexation has become an increasingly topical subject in the last three months. The most recent impetus to the discussion has come from the Government's decision to issue an index-linked saving bond. Although the two schemes announced on Tuesday this week have described officials as "experimental" some observers have seen them as the thin end of the wedge.

What is "indexation"? In a nutshell, it is the adjustment of long-term contracts to take account of inflation. But it can take a variety of forms and apply to a wide range of contracts. There are two main types. The first maintains the real value of the income or recurring payments from a contract. For example, if someone lends £1,000 to a company he will receive, at the end of each year, a real rate of interest plus the rate of inflation.

In the hypothetical example shown in the table, he would have received £22 in the first year (1968) because the agreed real rate of interest is 3 per cent and the rate of increase in consumer prices was 5.2 per cent.

The second type guarantees the real value of the capital involved. In the case of a loan the repayment at the final terminal date would be the principal plus an element for the change in prices. This second method would enable the borrower to make smaller payments to the lender until maturity.

But, as the hypothetical example shows, he would be left with a much larger obligation in 1973—£1,420 instead of £1,000 because consumer prices had climbed by 42 per cent.

The choice of indexation method is not incidental. It would make a great difference to the borrower if the time-pattern of his payments was skewed towards the distant future rather than the near future.

Still more important are the implications of the alternative methods for taxation.

Although the situation is not altogether clear, indexation by Method 1 would result in the inflation element in the return being taxed as income, while indexation by Method 2 might be regarded as a capital gain. The Inland Revenue says that "it would depend on the terms of the issues".

The assets which have been most widely suggested as suitable for correction are Government securities, debentures, savings in life insurance or building societies, and bank loans and deposits.

This leaves unanswered two crucial questions. The first is: what about contracts which run for about a year? The supporters of indexation aside this difficulty by assuming that there is a rigid demarcation between long-term and short-term contracts.

In practice, the demarcation is not rigid and a number of problems arise. For example, suppose that banks agreed to adjust for inflation after a year. Then someone would be highly reluctant to run down his deposits at the 10 or 11-month phase. This would lead to distortions in the money market and would probably encourage the development of new financial middlemen. Someone holding a security which would be adjusted upwards on January 1 might want cash on December 2. He would, therefore, try to sell it at a premium to the market and the purchaser could pocket the adjustment when it became due.

This is a standard and rather uninteresting financial arrangement, similar to acceptance business conducted by merchant banks. The point is that it is unnecessary (in the indexation case), absorbs resources and is a nuisance.

The difficulty is particularly

HYPOTHETICAL INDEX BOND

£1,000 five-year bond issued in 1968 at a real rate of 3 per cent.

Year	UK consumer index (1958=100)	Price level percentage change	Payments each year	
			Method 1 Interest	Method 2
1968	100		£	£
1969	105.2	5.2	82	31.56
1970	112.0	6.5	95	33.60
1971	122.8	9.5	126	37.78
1972	131.0	6.8	98	39.60
1973	142.0	8.4	114	42.60
			£1,000	£1,420

Source: Monetary Correction by Milton Friedman, Institute of Economic Affairs 1974, p. 25.

serious for hire purchase agreements, several types of labour contract (eg subcontracting work where the period of employment is between six months and a year) and most orders for capital equipment and consumer durables.

The second question is: what measure of inflation should be chosen? This issue also tends to be neglected because of a widespread and understandable belief that it is a matter of indifference which measure is selected.

The three main candidates are the index of retail prices, the index of wholesale prices and the Gross Domestic Product deflator. The fact is, though, that these three have, in the past, tended to rise at different rates and their accelerations and decelerations have not been synchronized.

Wholesale prices usually rise more slowly than retail prices. Between 1970 and 1973, for example, retail prices went up by 28 per cent, while wholesale prices increased by 23.2 per cent.

The reason for this is that services have a high weighting in the retail price index and little weighting in wholesale prices. As wages rise they push up the price of services more than the price of most finished

goods, because services tend to be more labour-intensive. There is, then, a certain lack of clarity in the proposal for indexation. This frustrates evaluation because it is difficult to approve or criticize the idea unless its meaning is precise. The validity of the case for indexation to some extent depends on how extensive it would prove to be and on the technical details.

Most of the discussion has been framed in very general terms. The main argument in favour is the reduction in uncertainty. The parties to long-term contracts would no longer need to be concerned about the inflationary environment and could concentrate on those aspects about which they are best informed.

Lenders would no longer have to worry about the erosion of the real value of their assets and could spend most of their time on judging risks and real yields—which is their true function.

The owners of Government securities would be obtaining a genuine return on their investment and would not have to watch every major wage settlement with growing trepidation and alarm.

One consequence of the more

certain framework of long-term contracts would be that inflation's unpredictable and occasionally adverse impact on the distribution of income and wealth would be moderated. In particular, the Government would no longer be able to borrow money from the poorer members of the saving public at a negative real rate of interest. The disadvantage of indexation is that it builds inflation into the economic system. As people adjust for inflation they are raising the nominal value of certain assets and this means that payments also have to be higher in money terms. This aggravates inflation further.

Milton Friedman, perhaps the most distinguished protagonist of indexation, has recently written a pamphlet for the Institute of Economic Affairs on *Monetary Correction* in which he denies this effect. "An escalator (or adjustment for inflation) goes into effect only as a result of a previous price increase." It does not, he feels, influence future inflation.

The objection to this argument is that there are two types of contract in the economy Mr Friedman is envisaging—the indexed and the non-indexed. It is difficult to believe that an automatic adjustment for the indexed contracts will not cause some spillover to the non-indexed—and this is where the worrying inflationary effect comes.

There are three further drawbacks to indexation. It is a tremendous administrative nuisance. It would cause devastation to existing fixed investment markets and dislocate mortgages and life insurance policies, a much more important consideration in sophisticated economies like the British and American than in fairly simple ones like the Brazilian. Finally, it would reduce the autonomy of monetary policy, which would have to be non-restrictive if indexation was not to be troublesome.

Carrying European science into space

A new phase in European space activity began earlier this summer, with the award of a £95m contract by the European Space Research Organisation to an international consortium led by VFW-Fokker/ERNO of West Germany.

The contract is to develop and build a manned orbital laboratory known as Spacelab, which will do its orbiting aboard a United States space shuttle vehicle beginning in 1980.

The space shuttle itself will be about the size of a BAC One-Eleven jet transport. It will be boosted into orbit by launching rockets, but will return to earth to land as a conventional aircraft.

While in orbit, the shuttle will open its 60ft long cargo bay doors on top of the fuselage to expose the Spacelab for its operational mission. Typically, the laboratory might consist of a pressurized module in which scientists and engineers can work, plus a number of unpressurized mounting platforms or pallets for automated experiments.

Both the main shuttle vehicle and the cargo-bay laboratory will be reusable. The Spacelab will carry a crew of four, and is being designed for a life of 50 orbital flights, each lasting a week to a month, or a nominal life of 10 years.

Grafting the European participation on to the American shuttle programme has been a long international political struggle—with the individual European countries struggling among themselves most of the time.

But, on September 24 last year, a memorandum of understanding was signed in Washington between the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the European Space Research Organization (whose demisa

and rebirth as the European Space Agency continues to be fairly imminent).

This memorandum, backed by intergovernmental agreements, gives ESRO responsibility for designing, developing, building and delivering to the United States the first Spacelab and associated equipment; ensuring the supply of further Spacelabs and components; and providing engineering support.

Spacelab is in effect one item—the most expensive item on the menu—of projects from which the European countries can choose the meal of their choice. In a triple package which emerged last year, the French chose a launcher, the Ariane rocket, as their main course, while Britain found the Marots maritime communications satellite to her taste and West Germany was greedy for Spacelab.

Thus Germany has shouldered the largest single share of the Spacelab cost. Just how large emerged recently in a lecture to the Royal Aeronautical Society in London by Dr D. J. Shepland, of ESRO headquarters, Paris.

Germany is paying no less than 54.1 per cent of the Spacelab bill, Dr Shepland disclosed, compared with 18 per cent from France and only 6.3 per cent from the United Kingdom. Other participating countries are Belgium (4.2 per cent), Spain (2.8), the Netherlands (2.1), Denmark (1.5) and Switzerland (1.0).

In return for these contributions, the Spacelab business is going, in appropriate proportions, to BHM and Sabca in Belgium; Messerschmitt in Denmark; Matra and Thomson-CSF in France; VFW-Fokker/ERNO, Dornier, AEG and SEL in Germany; Aeritalia, Caproni and Microtecnica in Italy; Fokker in the Nether-

lands; ENTA and SENER in Spain; CIR in Switzerland; and Hawker Siddeley Dynamics in Britain.

Hawker Siddeley's share of the work is worth about £5m. It covers the design and construction of the Spacelab pallets, each of which must be able to carry three tons, the expected weight of a large astronomical telescope. This work is being managed by the space division of HSD at Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

"The first Spacelab flight is being jointly planned by ESRO and NASA and will include European and United States experiments", Dr Shepland told the Royal Aeronautical Society, "and it is contemplated that a European will be included in the flight crew."

"Thereafter it appears likely that NASA will operate a small fleet of Spacelabs, perhaps about half a dozen in number. Although the first flight unit

is provided free of charge, subsequent units will be procured in Europe.

"In fact, NASA has already given ESRO a firm order for a second Spacelab flight unit. Although no firm plans have been established, it may well be speculated that European apart from its cooperative flights with NASA, may acquire and utilize a Spacelab of its own."

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Business Diary: Sir Denys regrets...



Sir Charles, Ian Lawson, Cosgrave: less light than heat

There were seats for only 30 or so people in the small boardroom but long before the board meeting had started, Sir Charles Lawson, chairman of the company, had been joined by many more shareholders and reporters crowding the doorway and the landing behind. Sir Charles Johnston, Australian Estates' chairman of 24 hours' standing, began by remarking: "I see there is a quorum... which is the understatement of the year."

This opening salvo over, the meeting went quickly downhill. It ought to have been an occasion for rejoicing, with Sir Denys graciously accepting the tributes of his shareholders, for the business of the day was to report a record profit of £7.2m, compared with £3.4m for the year before, together with news from Australia of encouraging prospects for the company's sugar, sheep and cattle interests. Sir Charles said that he was fully conscious of his inade-

quacies as chairman, although as High Commissioner in Australia between 1965 and 1971, when he joined the board, he had known the group's operations well.

"Whatever Sir Denys has done" he went on, "in Australia he has done an excellent job in the 25 years of his chairmanship."

It was, however, left to Sir Charles to handle the angry questioning, which was far less concerned with the record profit than with the report of the auditors, Touche Ross and Co. This said that an independent valuation of the sale in the previous year of investments in Angus Milling (Holdings) Limited and South Winnipeg Limited, had "given rise to the receipt of an additional £40,048 to the company."

These were the sales, to companies with which Australian Estates directors were associ-

ated (Sir Denys having been chairman of South Winnipeg), which led to the group being the subject of a separate and current Department of Trade inquiry.

Norman Cosgrave, who later described himself as an investment banker representing "quite a lot" of shareholders, angrily asked just who had made this "independent valuation" and whether all the directors had approved of the terms under which the Angus and South Winnipeg shares were sold?

Sir Charles at first said that these matters were not his province, being the subject of D of T inquiry. Cosgrave, who appeared as unsure of his facts as Sir Charles, momentarily accepted this with ill grace until, prompted by an adviser, he snapped that the matter was not sub judice.

There followed a quick consultation with Australian solicitors, Freshfields, whereupon it was confirmed that the matters were indeed not sub judice but that Sir Charles nevertheless wished to be excused from discussing matters still under inquiry.

Cosgrave rather lamely let this go, but Sir Charles quickly found himself in fresh mire when another shareholder asked whether he was aware that Rupert Murdoch, the chairman of News International, had built up a substantial stake in Australian and whether his intentions were known?

Sir Charles affirmed that Murdoch's stake was in non-

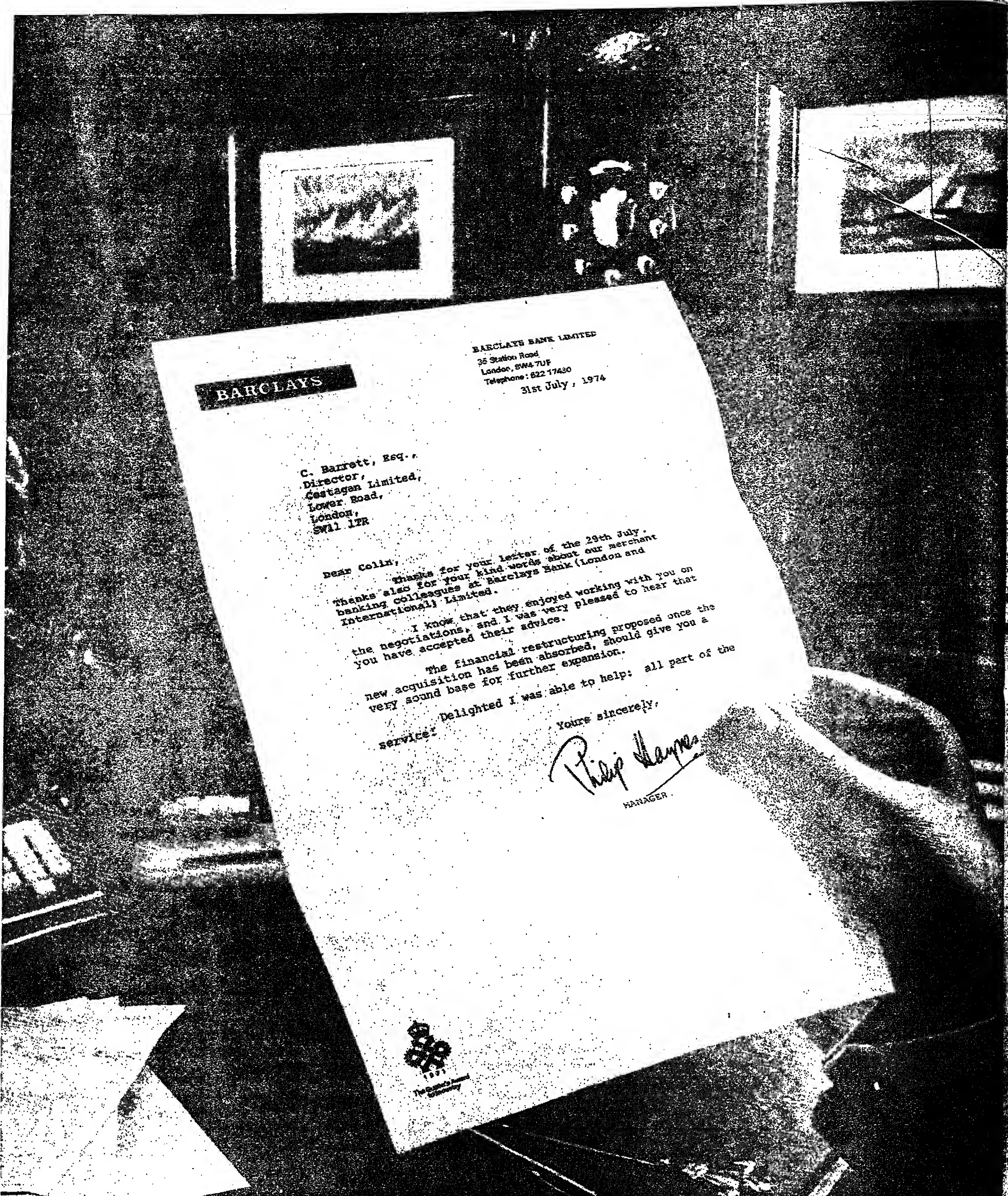
ing went on yesterday at annual meeting of Ian Estates Company Ltd, despite the absence of chairman of 25 years, Sir Lawson.

Denys had resigned from the principal committee in the Lawson empire, in any, although Business & Finance, which had served for him at yesterday's meeting in Estates House, in Street. Sir Denys, center "grave mismanagement" in a report by the report of Trade last week, resumed to be still sitting on his Scottish estate.

Lawson presence was, maintained at yesterday's meeting in the shape of his son, and by Lawson junior's assistant managing director, Peter Revell-Smith, like Sir Denys, was seated by the Department of Inspectors.

only audible remark by Ian Lawson at the meeting was one to a photograph of a paper—"You should brought your own", he remark set the tone of the day, which throughout its times generated less light than heat. Part of the warmth, in part, was due to the crowding, for the board had underestimated the number of shareholders who would be present, the first occasion in which Sir Denys might be expected to appear at the publication of the

growth from stockholding. Lawson's rise of more than 100 per cent in pre-tax profit for the month to June 29 may have topped major stock market expectations, but the extent of where the growth from a predictable high. 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Profit from Hawtin but no payout yet

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Stock markets Caution ahead of UDT and Shell

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Briefly

Charterhouse Shares, plus £1.040 cash. EDINBURGH & GEN Turnover for half year, £121,000...

BRITISH BENZOL CARBONISING Board confident of group again entering dividend list during current year...

Burgess sales up 36 pc

Freddie H. Burgess, the public unquoted group which claims to be Britain's largest distributors of machinery...

QUEENS MOAT HOUSES

As a result of acquisition of Carrowton Contract Services, Mr Victor W. Gray has acquired 1.92m shares...

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After a year in which taxable profits eased from £12.5m to £12.4m on turnover up from £12.2m to £14.9m...

CHARTERHOUSE GROUP

Consideration of purchase by Glaxo subsidiary of Ross Scott Insurance is 266,000 shares...

Advance Elec in bid talks

Talks are taking place which may lead to a bid for Advance Electronics. The discussions have been a well-kept secret...

Wall Street

New York, Aug 6.—Wall Street stock prices again moved sharply higher early in the session...

Why it takes a £2 million boat to catch a 20p fish

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NYSE silver futures up 17 cents

New York, Aug 6.—COMEX SILVER futures were up 17 cents in the last part of the day...

Canadian Prices

Abilite 214 215, Alcan 214 215, Alcan 214 215, Alcan 214 215...

Table of stock prices for various companies including Anglo-Siam, Anglo-Siam, Anglo-Siam, etc.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Sugar rises £10 to record £300

The London daily sugar price was yesterday raised to a new high of £300 a long ton—an increase of £10 on Tuesday.

Aluminum 4,750 tons. Cash 2,700-2,750. 3 months 2,700-2,750. 6 months 2,700-2,750. 9 months 2,700-2,750.

COCAEA (London) - Indian, 4,750. 3 months 2,700-2,750. 6 months 2,700-2,750. 9 months 2,700-2,750.

MEAT (London) - Beef, 16.0-18.0. Pig, 14.0-16.0. Lamb, 14.0-16.0. Mutton, 14.0-16.0.

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Bank Base Rates

Table of bank base rates for Barclays Bank, FNC, Hill Samuel, etc.

Foreign Exchange

US deals lift the dollar. The dollar closed stronger on foreign exchanges yesterday after a hefty boost from American deals as New York entered the market.

Spot Position of Sterling

Market rates - 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25. 10.25.

Forward Levels

1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months. Forward levels for various currencies.

Mining

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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with their respective values and yields.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues of various financial instruments.

INTERIM STATEMENT

The results for the six months ended 30th June, 1974, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1973, which are restated at 31st December, 1973 rates of exchange.

Table showing interim statement results for 6 months and year 1973, including net written premiums, investment income, and profit before tax.

Life Department

Table showing life department new business figures for 6 months and year 1973.

Dividend

Following the recent partial relaxation of dividend limitation, the maximum dividend which can be distributed to shareholders in respect of the year 1974 is 5.4016p per share as compared with 4.9037p per share for 1973.

The Times Share Index

Table showing the Times share index and various market indicators.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for various financial instruments.

Briefly

STOREY BROTHERS: Company has acquired 47 per cent of Managor Wallcoverings. CHURB & SON: Lord Heyter, chairman, told meeting that company is off to good start.

General Accident

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd. Interim Statement.

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London and Regional Market Prices

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MASSEUSE REQUIRED
 for Health Centre in Surrey. Must be qualified. Excellent conditions and remuneration. Telephone 042-897-4331 for appointment.

PERSONNEL - Junior Administrator
 To those wishing to enter the Personnel profession, this is an ideal opportunity. We can provide the initial training in keeping basic Personnel records, interpreting data, and interviewing that are the essence of all Personnel work. You should have good shorthand and typing speeds, be educated to at least 'O' level standard, and have had some office experience. Salary £1,761-£2,121 p.a. plus threshold payment plus allowances for recognized shorthand and typing qualifications. Please telephone Personnel Officer, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT on 01-407 3622, ext. 42 for further details and an application form.

PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION
 A leading City International Finance and Investment Group is seeking a mature, intelligent and able woman to work as assistant to their Pensions Manager. The ideal candidate will be a graduate, preferably educated to 'A' level, with a minimum of 5 years' experience in a similar position. Salary c. £3,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT
 THOMSON PUBLICATIONS LTD.
 The magazine and book publishing division of the Thomson Organization has an outstanding career opportunity for an ambitious and motivated young woman in its busy personnel department based in W.C.1.
 Primarily responsible for salary administration the successful applicant must be a good "all-rounder" with the ability to deal with staff and management at all levels.
 Aged 23-30, she will preferably be educated to 'O' level standard and possess sound commercial ability as well as accurate typing. She will preferably have had some experience either as a secretary or an assistant in a personnel department.
 Starting salary will be around £2,000 per annum, depending upon age and previous experience.
 Please write stating age and brief career details to: PERSONNEL MANAGER, T.P.L. MAGAZINES LTD., ELM HOUSE, 10-16 ELM ST., LONDON WC1X 0BP OR TELEPHONE 01-278 2345, EXT. 33, FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS GENERAL

RECEPTIONIST/TELEPHONIST
 Multi National Bank in Moorgate requires an experienced Receptionist/Telephonist for their recently established office. Position will suit younger women with a minimum of 2 years' experience in a similar position. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

NATIONAL FUR CO.
 Personal Lady required by National Fur Co. Ltd. 195-199 Tottenham Road, Knightsbridge, London W.1 for Showroom and P.R. department.
 TELEPHONE BARRER ON 01-589 4801 FOR APPOINTMENT

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS SECRETARIAL
 The British Council
 An organization set up to represent British life and industry in London. The British Council is looking for a woman to act as a member of a small, friendly, but progressive organization.
 Attractive salary and substantial fringe benefits offered. The ability to type would be an advantage.
 Apply to The Manager, IRAN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT BANK LTD., 120 Moorgate, London EC2M 6TS (Telephone 636 4831).

CONSULTANT INTERVIEWER
 We seek another interviewer to negotiate with clients and applicants. The keen demand for our services ensures that you will have a well motivated position to achieve substantial earnings in this interesting work based in our Hampstead offices. Please telephone, quoting Reference LP/WA.
 Accounting Associates, 168 Finsbury Road, N.W.1 01-794 0202

BE THE BOSS
 Now it's your turn to run our W.W.1 Showroom selling world-wide modern furniture. We are a small but rapidly expanding company presently looking for someone who can make a contribution to our progress. She should be a graduate, preferably educated to 'A' level, with a minimum of 2 years' experience in a similar position. Salary c. £3,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

A TEMPORARY GOLDMINE
 Our Temps are the kind of girls who are top money. They're the mature and professional who are able to take on a wide range of assignments. If you sound like you, contact us now.
 SENIOR SECRETARIES
 172, New Bond Street, W.1 9PB
 01-499 0092; 01-495 6907.

ASSISTANT MATRON
 required by Tameside School in September for boarding house. Salary is £2,000 plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

STAFF TRAINING INSTRUCTRESS
 Personal experience is not essential to join this company in Fetham, near Heathrow, where excellent training is given for all female staff. Starting salary is £1,750 with excellent progression. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT
 An editorial assistant, preferably with some experience of scientific publishing, is required to work with the Editor and Metallurgy on the production of the Society's Transactions and book publications. Salary according to age and experience. Write to Michael Jones, 100 Portland Place, London, W.1N 4BP.

COLLEGE LEAVER
 £1,800 max. As Sec/PA to a busy City firm. This is a lively young business company. Salary c. £1,800 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

SECRETARIES
 We can help you work in 33 different ways. We have a wide range of secretarial positions available. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

PROMOTIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS
 An organization set up to represent British life and industry in London. The British Council is looking for a woman to act as a member of a small, friendly, but progressive organization. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

RESPONSIBLE, reliable person
 required to work in a busy office. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

WELL EDUCATED Young 'A' level woman
 will find a choice of exciting career opportunities in a leading City firm. Salary c. £3,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYMENT
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SECRETARY TO GROUP ACCOUNTANT
 Varied and responsible post in City headquarters of international Group of Companies. Work involves group consolidation, financial reporting, and other duties. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

SECRETARY TO PERSONNEL MANAGER
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SECRETARY FOR TWO OF A KIND
 £2,250 p.a.
 If you like the idea of working for two men, we'd like to introduce you. They're both Managers in the Research and Development Dept. of a Dental Co. with super modern W.I. offices. You should have good shorthand and typing speeds and must be able to work on your own initiative.
 Age is not important and you'll be paid a salary of £2,250 plus 18 days' holiday a year.
 Please contact Beth Cleland, Abbey Personnel Consultants, 181 Oxford Street, London, W.1. Tel. 01-334 1365. (We're open till 7 p.m. on Thursdays and 1 p.m. Saturdays.)

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS SECRETARIAL

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SECRETARY - PERSONNEL
 We are looking for a Secretary with good shorthand and typing skills who has preferably had previous experience in a busy personnel department of a large international company. Applicants should be aware of and enjoy the challenges and pressures of staff recruitment.

SECRETARY FOR DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR
 A first-class Secretary is required for the Deputy Managing Director of a major publishing company. The organization is a member of leading specialist journals serving a broad cross-section of industry. Areas covered include Fashion, Hairdressing & Beauty, Theatre, Jewellery and Hobbies and Catering. The company is also active in organizing exhibitions, conferences and seminars and is well known throughout the world. Conditions of employment are excellent and salary will be in excess of £2,000 p.a.
 For further details please contact Miss L. Canfield, Recruitment Officer, IPC Consumer Industries Press Ltd., 33-40 Bowling Green Lane, E.C.1. Tel. 897 5656, ext. 62.

SECRETARY CATERING DEPARTMENT
 £2,050 P.A.
 As well as giving secretarial/shorthand typing assistance to the Catering Department, the successful applicant will also deal with varied telephone enquiries and be responsible for reservations for luncheons, dinners, meetings, etc. Office hours 9.45-5.45 with opportunities for overtime on evening functions if required. Free lunch. Commencing salary will be in the range of £2,000 p.a. plus 18 days' holiday per annum according to age and experience.
 Apply Personnel Officer, THE LAW SOCIETY, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL or phone 01-242 1288.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL, S.W.1
 The Trust is looking for a well-known hospital at Hyde Park. The Trust is looking for an experienced PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SECRETARY who will be responsible for a friendly atmosphere and a high standard of service. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY
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MAKE A BEELINE FOR BERNADETTE
 Now that you're thinking of a change in your international career, why not consider a position with a leading international company. Salary c. £3,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

PARTNERS' SECRETARY
 MINIMUM STARTING SALARY £2,400 P.A.
 required within next 3 weeks. The successful candidate will be a graduate, preferably educated to 'A' level, with a minimum of 2 years' experience in a similar position. Salary c. £2,400 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

WAR ON WANT
 INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR NEEDS SECRETARY
 Shorthand preferred but not essential. Ability to work on own initiative. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MUSIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS?
 The National Federation of Women's Institutes requires an administrative SECRETARY to assist in the organization of its activities. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT LSE, BOUGHTON STREET, WC2A 2AE.

UNPLAFFABLE AIDE TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE
 Through a self assured secretary, the Chief Executive requires a highly efficient and experienced administrative assistant. Salary c. £2,000 p.a. plus current threshold payment of £2,400 per week. Hours are 9.00-5.30 (15.00 in term time); and we have 4 weeks' holiday per annum. Please write to: PLEASE RING SUE GILLAN ON 205 7686, EXT. 732 OR WRITE TO

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SECRETARIAL CITY BASED INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS P.A./SECRETARY £2,000 p.a. PLUS COMMISSION

ALANGATE AGENCY AUDIO SECRETARY £2,500 For Merchant Bank, W.I. to work with Chairman's Secretary. General legal experience necessary.

SECRETARY/P.A. FOR SENIOR PARTNER Capable Secretary/Personal Assistant with initiative to work in very pleasant offices to the City, interesting work involving both professional matters and business interests.

P/A SECRETARY TO FINANCE OFFICER. NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS. Interesting position - varied work. Short-hand and typing. Excellent opportunity for hardworking Sec. in small company of Solicitors.

SECRETARY required for small informal office. Duties include: typing, filing, correspondence, etc. Salary £2,700 p.a. plus commission.

WE NEED HELP! We are a young expanding marketing company situated in Jersey St. We require an enthusiastic Secretary/P.A. in a fast growing business.

TALENTED TEMPS Be appreciated and enjoy better working conditions in a dynamic world. Top rates for your skills and talents.

IT'S FUN TO BE A KELLY GIRL We need Secretaries, Copy and typing. Good salary. Interesting assignments. What more can any girl want?

LOCAL? Young dynamic Marketing Director. International Banking with high salary in Westbury. Salary £2,500 p.a. plus commission.

TEMPORARY SECRETARY / Girl Friday needed for 3 months. Salary £2,500 p.a. plus commission.

IF YOU LIKE WORKING on your feet, you will enjoy working for us. We are a dynamic marketing company.

Secretary in Personnel circa £2500

This appointment calls for administrative and secretarial skills at a high level. Reporting to the Personnel Manager you will be involved with a broad spectrum of personnel work.

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS SECRETARIAL BILINGUAL SECRETARY RUSSIAN/ENGLISH Circa £2,500 p.a.

Kellog International, world wide designers and consultants to the petrochemical industry, require a Russian/English bilingual secretary to join them at their offices off Baker Street.

Applicants aged 21+, should be experienced secretaries with English shorthand and typing qualifications, and be able to type in Russian.

The successful candidate will be expected to give assistance to translation work and will accompany the Kellogg engineer to Russia - it is therefore essential that she is eligible to apply for Russian visas.

A salary of around £2,500 p.a. will be offered, plus Luncheon Vouchers and three weeks' holiday.

Kellogg International Corporation 62/72 Chiltern Street, London W1M 2AD Telephone 01-486 4444

STELLA FISHER IN THE STRAND LANGUAGE SECRETARIES

Secretary with good Italian for translating. £2,300 p.a. Part-time Secretary with French. S.W.3

STELLA FISHER BUREAU 110/111 Strand, W.C.2 01-836 6644 (opposite Strand Palace Hotel)

Executive Selection SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT £2,100 p.a. A young group of Consultants in the Executive Selection field require a Secretarial Assistant.

THE PRIME MINISTER might be getting letters with your initials on the bottom if you come and work for a major voluntary agency in the field of overseas development.

IRANIAN EMBASSY PRINCES GATE, S.W.7 Requires experienced English-speaking Secretary. Aged 25-35. Excellent salary.

PARIS A good shorthand secretary to a Company Director on a necessary salary £2,500 per month net.

EDITOR OF L.T.N. needs copywriting PA/Secretary with initiative and personality. Good salary.

SECRETARY WANTED for small, friendly office. Salary £2,500 p.a. plus commission.

OVER £2,000 P.A. evaluates really competent audio secretary for solicitors, W.C.1. Previous legal experience not essential.

CHELSEA COLLEGE, University of London. Academic Registrar. This interesting position is available in the Registrar's Office.

ARCHITECTS require Secretary for their South Kensington Office. Small, friendly office working on a part-time basis.

PUBLISHERS need secretary/receptionist for 20 hours per week. Salary £2,500 p.a.

SECRETARY £2,500 p.a. plus commission. Part-time Secretary £1,500 p.a. plus commission.

SENIOR SECRETARY sought by Financial Director of International organization promoting fashion and textiles.

AMERICAN LAWYER in City requires a competent, efficient Secretary. Salary £2,500 p.a.

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This is a responsible position requiring good typing and shorthand skills and an organizing ability. We are looking for a competent secretary, aged 30-40, who has had several years' experience with a professional firm or in the Finance Division of a large organization.

Please apply to Miss Anne Payne, International Wool Secretariat, Wool House, 6-7 Carlton Gardens, London SW1Y 5AE (tel. 01-930 3700)

SENIOR SECRETARY

National Recreation Organisation is Mayfair requires a Senior Secretary to work for the Deputy Secretary, who is responsible for Finance and Administration.

Please apply to: Miss Susan Reid, The Caravan Club, 65 South Molton St., London W1Y 2AB. 01-993 9707 or 01-991 3762.

SECRETARY TO SUPPLY CONTROLLER AROUND £2,100

We need a competent secretary to help set up a new department dealing with the buying of all equipment and materials required by the company.

Two of a kind Job ONE Sports Assoc. in Epsom requires a PA Sec. 25 plus to their Sec. General who is also Sec. of European Assoc. Therefore French and German useful.

LADY P.A. TO COMPANY DIRECTOR Lady aged 22-30 required as personal assistant to Director of a major company.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS Two really intelligent Secretaries required for an international company.

TEMPORARIES If this week's temporary job is a disaster with don't let it tempt you with its £100 per week.

GRADUATE GIRLS FASHION AFTER A FASHION A really mature, super-competent PA/Secretary to work on her own initiative.

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST Busy Harley Street Consultants need responsible enthusiastic PA who enjoys constant contact with people from 9.30 to 5.30.

EXPERIENCED SECRETARY With not less than 3 years' experience of shorthand and typing, elementary book-keeping and office administration.

ADMINISTRATOR required for the Squash Rackets Association offices in Knightsbridge. Duties will include administration, bookkeeping, organization of tournaments and office supervision.

CO-OWNERSHIP is a reward for the diligent. High class secretaries for appointments throughout the world. High salary with excellent benefits.

CHIC SECRETARY. Nine to five position. You will be expected to socialize with some of the most important people in the city.

SECRETARY for creative consultants. Part-time Secretary £1,500 p.a. plus commission.

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DOMESTIC SITUATIONS LANCHESTER POLYTECHNIC Applications are invited for the residential post: DOMESTIC BURSAR

The Domestic Bursar will be responsible to the Warden for the housekeeping and residential accommodation for 214 students (100 catering). B.A. or similar qualification would be an advantage.

Salary within the scale £1,416-£1,666 per annum plus appropriate threshold payment.

Accommodation is provided for which a deduction of £196 is made from annual salary.

Further particulars and application forms obtainable from the Assistant Secretary, Personnel, Lanchester Polytechnic, Watly Street, Leazes, Salford, Salford, Salford, Salford.

CONTACT PERSONNEL INC CANADA Homeowner or family wanted for work in private homes in all areas of Canada.

CHESTER Executive business people recruited from Southern England for various services of experienced housekeepers, cleaners, etc.

COOK/VALET required immediately for domestic duties in 2000 acre estate. Centrally heated farmhouse, 15 to 16 miles from London.

TOP WORKING POST offered to a young lady with a good education and a good personality.

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